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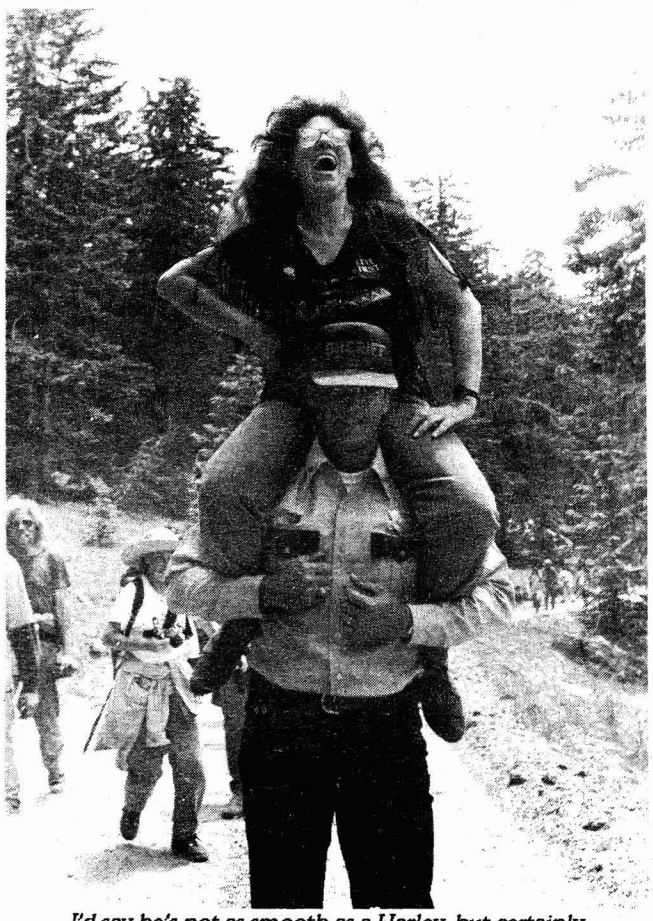

I'd say he's not as smooth as a Harley, but certainly rides better than a small engine Honda." —Sequoia
photo Orna Isakson

On Top Of Mt. Graham

by Karen Pickett

Rounding the turn in the grown-over road, figures become visible, smallish conical lumps on the ground. Joining the circle, the lumps take on human features, barely recognizable, whispering plans for the following day across the dark circle. Some of the shadowy faces can be identified by voice. It was the night of the final day of the RRR atop Mt. Graham. The whispered plans involve several affinity groups who would go out in the woods, in the area of the Red Squirrel Refugium, and approach the scope site, while the larger *legal* group would demonstrate at the University of Arizona gate guarding the long-fought road cut winding up the mountain.

Up at dawn, without enough sleep, as the misty fog floats up through the trees and the heat began to descend, sleepy-eyed campers trudged down the dusty mountain trail toward the cars. As we caravaned to the road which leads to the 10,000-foot level, our snake of cars was joined by many cop cars. Once out of vehicles, the 100 plus hikers paused at the locked gate blocking the road claimed as the private property of the University of Arizona (UofA). A cheerful sheriff and a marine-like cop accompanyed us on the one mile hike up to the refugium boundary. To the consternation of those authorities, we paused at the point we were ordered to stop and then spontaneously continued the march another mile up the forbidden road, right to the observatories.

Upon reaching the chain link fence at the end of the road, the sight we saw shocked the senses— huge concrete foundations, with the Vatican's phallic dome rising toward the sky they want to study, but don't respect. The Max Planck Institute's boxy monolith greets us silently but seems to shout. It is gargantuan and totally out of place in the previously quiet pine forest.

Armed guards stood behind the fence, stone-faced, puffing out their chests, one warning protesters that they had "tools" which, he declared they would not hesitate to use if people were to break the law.

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Road War Victory

BY JAKE BURBRIDGE AND JASON TORRANCE

And now for the good news: Oxleas Wood, an 8,000 year-old, 100-acre island of green in the heart of southeast London, has been saved. Direct action wasn't necessary—just the threat of it was enough. Yes, the British establishment, having experienced the wrath of Britain's radical environmental movement over road building at Twyford Down (see Litha, *EF!J*) has pooped its pants and backed down. Now, lets scrap the lot!

On the 7th July the Government shocked the British green movement by announcing that it was dropping existing plans for the East London River Crossing (ELRC), a six-lane highway that would, if ever built, dissect the human communities of Plumstead and Welling, the ancient Oxleas and smaller Shepherdleas Woods. The government climbdown came several days after the British Road Federation (an industry lobby group) had launched its "Plan to Save Oxleas Wood." The industry was panicking and the government followed.

The proposed destruction of Oxleas Wood has served to bring about the widest alliance ever of environmental groups in Britain, because it combines two of the most popular environmental issues, the destruction of ancient woodland in a severely deforested land, and the cancerous growth of a transport infrastructure that causes massive environmental damage. The Oxleas Alliance consists of The Alliance Against Road Building, Earth First!, Friends of the Earth, London Cycling Campaign, London

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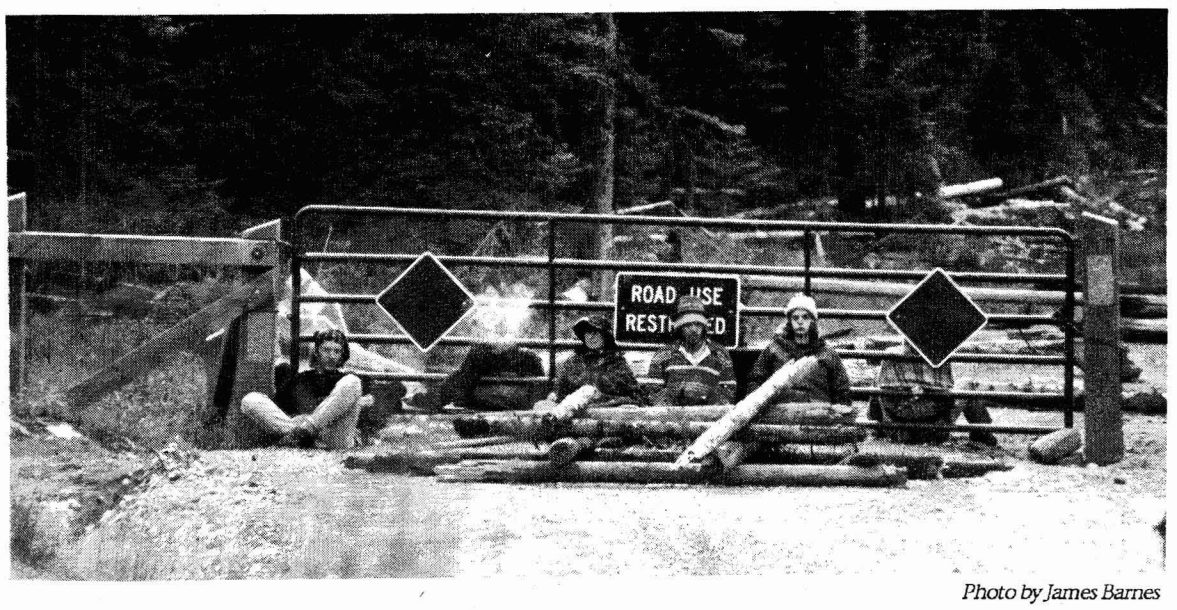

Photo by James Barnes

Reclaiming the Noble Road

To the uninitiated, the backcountry of Cove/Mallard seems like a never ending sea of coniferous green. There are no readily recognizable landmarks or reference points; only ridge after ridge, drainage after drainage, sloping steadily towards that River of No Return—the Salmon.

The US Forest Service and its serfs, Highland Enterprises (the road contractors) and Shearer Lumber Products, are hell-bent on destroying this priceless area for a quick cut-and-run buck. Their most gruesome crime so far: the Noble road, which plunges like a dagger into the heart of this roadless corridor. This road was the target of a major direct action on the morning of July 15.

While the distance between base camp and that brown scar called Noble is about four and a half miles as the Raven flies, the Noble Road Action Team (NRAT) bushwhacked over eight miles, due to the nature of the terrain and the dense stands of Fir, Spruce and Alder. Only the more open stands of south-facing lodgepole pine offered easier going.

Over two dozen activists completed the demanding journey (without cars or trucks!). The hike provided the teams with an opportunity to see firsthand what makes Cove/Mallard so biologically significant. Much of the Nez Perce National Forest, including Cove/Mallard, escaped the catastrophic fires of 1910, which burned much of northern Idaho and western Montana. The history of wildfires in the area indicates older, smaller fires that burned faster, and stayed on the forest floor or were contained. This, combined with its relatively high elevation and wetter aspects, has enabled a number of different forest communities to thrive. Pockets of old-growth Douglas Fir, Grand Fir, Engelmann Spruce and, in lower elevations, Ponderosa Pine provide wildlife sanctuaries. These forests exemplify productive habitat and in them we sought refuge and strength for the coming action.

Only the Freddies and the road crews, thanks to their allegiance to the internal combustion engine,

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There Ain't No Borders

BY JAKE BURBRIDGE

Well, I finally made it to Missoula, just before the *Journal* train left town. Soon it will be all packed up and Eugene-bound. Awaiting it is a new home and a fresh start. Having been a part of the arduous process that puts it out, I believe such things should not only be encouraged but studied. The dynamics, especially at four in the morning, are fascinating.

However, while some experiences are very interesting the first time around, the more they are experienced the less fascinating they become. The good folks in Missoula have had two and a half years to become familiar with the eccentricities of visiting activists—and now they need a break. They've done us proud. We would like to thank: Billbob Haskins, Mary Lou Fox, Tim Bechtold, David Vermont, residents of the Cottonwood Club, the Downtown Bakery (for free sustenance), the News Press, the Alliance for the Wild Rockies, Wild Rockies Earth First!, all previous *Journal* editors and volunteers, and all others that have been associated with this rag during its stay in Missoula.

In this issue the flavour is truly global, something not totally unconnected to the fact that two of the staff collective (Mick Womersley and myself) were born in Britain. In Mick's OpEd on page 3, the issue of divisions is brought up. We have long known that the industrial machine rules through its ability to divide us by our differences in race, gender, class, age, sexuality and species. Yet, how far do we go to personally challenge this? As a traveler from 7,000 miles away, brought up in an era of American military and cultural imperialism, I know that I arrived in this land with my own prejudices. Yes, the American dream is a nightmare. But how many of us in Europe are aware of the tireless, amazing resistance there is here on the North American continent? and vice versa ? We are more alike than I ever realised. As people trying to create a better future, we share the same fears, hopes and dreams as those involved in struggles thousands of miles away. The struggle to liberate ourselves and the Earth is a global struggle. Yes, there are differences, but the only borders that exist are in our minds.

The same is true within our own countries. At the recent Mt. Graham Round River Rendezvous the attendance by Native American activists was very significant. The actions reported in this issue were as much in outrage against the desecration of Apache sacred land as they were for the Red Squirrel. At the RRR, some of the differences between the Native struggle and our own were brought up and dealt with. Many, including the tensions over spirituality, will take a little longer. The fact is that we are starting to deal with them and more importantly, work together. We are not responsible for the mistakes of our ancestors, but the future is the responsibility of all of us. The Earth demands we work together. In this issue, articles about Mt. Graham, the Sweetgrass Hills, Nopiming, the California desert, and a piece by well known Native activist Winona laDuke about James Bay, prove that we are.

This issue also brings good news. Oxleas Wood, one of the last surviving woodlands in London, has been saved by the threat of direct action. In Idaho, on Vancouver Island and in Russia, resistance is reaching new levels. Yet with more successful resistance comes greater repression. Gene Lawhorn's article and interview about the escalated harassment of environmental activists show how desperate the forces of greed, narrow self interest and destruction have become. The fact is that they are responding to the agenda WE are setting. The "final solution" article, analyzing the result of the Clinton forest summit, addresses this. It proves, however, that "radical environmentalists" are not radical enough. Not only do we have to set the agenda, we have to set the context in which it is discussed. That means being more revolutionary in our approach, an argument that the folks from Terra Prima! have made a good case for in this issue's blank wall. Are we, by recognising the authority of institutions that are inherently oppressive, anti-Earth and unaccountable, merely reinforcing the problems we are trying to resist?

Along with the familiar issues of grazing, wolf-killing, and overpopulation come less frequently mentioned issues. The destruction of the world's northern forests is one of these. The taiga or boreal forest, being the largest area of wilderness left on Earth, represents the last frontier for the forest product companies. In Russia, an area of contiguous forest as large as the lower 48 states of the US is being hacked apart by timber companies using Korean slave labour—a potent example, if one is still needed, that the machine that enslaves the Earth enslaves people too.

Leave Old Baggage Behind

BY SEQUOIA

It's gonna be a brand new *Earth First! Journal,* folks. We've got four dedicated activists who have pledged to put out a paper that is both responsive to and reflective of our movement, and to stay with it for a full year. In this move to Eugene, let's not burden them with *Old Baggage.* For a fresh start, we all need to pull together and dump our preconceptions.

Earth First!ers don't talk about an action and hope others will do it, they put their bodies on the line and "take care of business." The *Journal* is an Earth First! action. It's time for us to take care of business and make it a successful action. The paper depends on subscriptions to pay for itself. Send in your subscription money! Encourage others to buy subs, hawk subs on the street, convince stores to carry the *Earth First! Journal*. No money, no paper—it's as simple as that.

The *Journal* depends on submissions from the movement, so write and submit your articles, art, photos and opinions. Most importantly, the *Journal* depends on the support of the movement. If you don't like something that was done, take a moment to reflect on what it must be like to assemble 40 pages of information for thousands of anarchistic Earth First!ers every few weeks on a shoestring budget. Once that picture is in your head, give a call to the staff and work with them on the problem. You already know you agree on more stuff than you could possibly disagree on. Work out problems from that perspective; remember we are on the same side—we just have different opinions.

It doesn't matter what was or was not printed in the past; it doesn't matter who said or did what. The new editorial staff isn't then, it's now. Be there for them and we will all be proud of a paper that is a voice of the Earth First! movement.

Lughnasadh, August 1st

Lughnasadh or Lammas marks the beginning of harvest. The wheat is cut. The sacrifice is made. Here in Idaho, in a forest slated to be cut, it becomes apparent that far too much is asked to be sacrificed for a harvest that feeds too few. We are called upon to make personal sacrifices in order to stop this carnage. Being here, if it can be considered a sacrifice, is also a privilege. Even imprisonment for the defense of this forest is an honor.

As Shelly Douglas, a long time anti-nuclear activist, said, "The actual experience of jail, chosen in response to conscience, is comparative freedom. In choosing to make a statement of truth that puts us into jeopardy with the law, we deliberately break many of the bars that imprison us in our everyday lives." In choosing to resist the destructive power of the corporate state we sacrifice "business as usual" and what comforts and securities may be gained by our participation in such a system. What we harvest is freedom. Freedom for ourselves, for the wild and for the Earth.

—Peggy Sue McRae
Cove/Mallard, Idaho

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Op Ed: Our Global Tribe

BY MICK WOMERSLEY

Boundaries and borders do not figure large in the vernacular culture of wild people. The original unit of human geography was the tribal territory, perhaps approximating the bioregion we talk about today. Territoriality is a concept in ecology that consists more of a containment of sufficiency: enough wild resources to meet the needs of a certain animal or organism. A grizzly mother knows that her spring grasses are found over that mountain, that her possibilities of feeding on carrion are good under that avalanche chute. She also knows that when food is in plentiful supply, it's better for her to expend energy eating the salmon in the creek than to fight for territory with her neighbor.

What is the nature of Earth First! territoriality? The expansion of the deep ecology and radical environmental movement worldwide continues apace. In this issue, we journalistas found ourselves reporting on issues from all over the world, as is usual for this paper. But one thing that impressed us was the number of new Earth First! groups and Earth First!-type groups beginning to work around the planet. This brought up questions as to what to do with all the information arriving for publication. Does it go in International; or does it get put in Regional Roundup with all the US news? What about all the places? Malaysia, Australia, Canada, the UK, Slovakia, the Czech Republic, Siberia? And the issues? Twyford? Oxleas? Clayoquot? Hydro-Quebec? Manitoba forests? The Amazon?

What is a region? Are the regions in our Regional Roundup section bioregions, or simply the various states of the US? If they are bioregions, then what makes them different politically to other bioregions of the globe?

In trying to answer these questions we can find ourselves running into the limitations of our individual intuitive ecological understanding. Deep ecology postulates ideas for continuing human life on the planet with increased satisfaction, spirituality and consequently happiness. These ideas must be available to all the people the industrial world is hurting, from Bangor to Bangladesh and back again. We do not serve the movement well by remaining attached to artificial boundaries.

Boundaries exist to serve the needs of the corporate state, delineating areas of operation, taxation and oppresion. Without boundaries, the human population of an area is limited more naturally by carrying capacity and cultural mores. Boundaries help in the industrial exploitation of the natural world by delineating zones. You can log in that drainage there, but not this wilderness here. We let you rape this place and this woman, but not that one there. Boundaries are the mechanism of compromise for the rape of the planet.

One great service the deep ecology and radical environmental movement has done has been the effective removal of boundaries to activism. We pour into areas from all over the world to concentrate efforts on campaigns.

We have also broken down economic boundaries and worked to dismantle exploitive trade practices by using bioregional ideas in our community economies. Urban ecologists and back-to-the-landers are the lifestyle scientists of our movement, testing ways to live within the ecology of a bioregion. If we continue to be successful in these experiments, creating satisfying lifestyles that expand the possibilities of human health and happiness, the word will get out. Eventually the bioregion will become the normal geographical unit of human culture once again.

As journalistas, we can serve to encourage this by not differentiating between so-called international and regional news on the basis of artificial boundaries. One of the rules of changing the world is to act as if it were already changed. Consequently a better differentiation would be the less artificial boundary between news from our Earth First! tribal members and news from other areas of the world in general. Using this split, Regional Roundup would be reserved for Earth First! pieces, and a new section, called Global News or similar, would handle all other short news pieces from the US and the rest of the world.

By recognizing our world as one biosphere divided only into bioregions, we act as if this truth were common to all people now, encouraging the day when it is a global truth. We also honor the diversity and extent of our friendships.

Mick Womersley is a resident of the biosphere. Originally dwelling on the Eurasian geologic plate, he currently rides on the North American geologic plate in what is commonly referred to as Montana.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear editors:

You can believe this statement or blow it off as insincere bullshit, but it's important to me to thank those in Wild Rockies EF! who have supported the *Journal* over the past coupla' years. Admittedly, I waited until the last opportunity to say something that should have been said long ago, but better late than never.

Without the support of Wild Rockies EF!, the rest of us in the Movement would not have had a *Journal* to bicker over. Through my involvement in *Journal* "politics" over the past several months, I have gained greater appreciation of the difficulty of acting as a voice for our diverse and opinionated community, and greater respect for those who've done so.

I don't regret or retract any of the positions I or my local group took regarding *Journal* policies. I merely want those who have been involved in the production of the *Journal* to understand that it was only the actions of two people that precipitated our criticism. The rest of you who made the *Journal* happen over this period have my undying love and respect. This year was the first time in my seven years with EF! that I've been moved to sharply criticize the actions of *Journal* staff. Since I did not and do not take the task of criticizing my friends lightly, I tried to make it very clear who I was unhappy with and why. I get the impression from the op-ed in the past *Journal* and from my interaction with people at the Rendezvous that a broader group of people felt they were targets of my criticism. This is not the case.

Thanks again to all of you who have sacrificed your time and peace of mind to wear the bullseye of *EF! Journal* Staffer. Thanks especially to those who have held the nuts and bolts end of the paper together through this trying period.

One of the few positive things I gained through being involved in a *Journal* mud fight is that I now clearly recognize my responsibility to help keep the *Journal* alive. The responsibility of defining the Movement and supporting the *Journal* should not fall on the *Journal* staff, the local group that hosts the *Journal*, or the few people foolish enough to participate in debates of *Journal* policy. The *Journal* will only accurately represent and effectively serve the Movement if all EF!ers feed it with our ideas and efforts. It is now apparent that as most of us went about our lives these past few years, the *Journal* weighed heavily on the few who cared enough to keep it going. I and Austin EF! plead guilty to being among those who neglected the *Journal* and let our portion of the burden fall on others. In the future, we plan to be much more responsible about keeping the Movement aware of what's happening in our neck of the woods. I personally am going to do my damnedest to get to Eugene this year and encourage the rest of you to plan a working vacation up there.

So c'mon all you environmental slacktivists, do some actions, write some articles, sell some subscriptions, and visit the *Journal* in its new home. While you're at it, send something to Live Wild or Die; it needs our help, too. See you in Eugene.

—NEAL TUTTRUP

Dear Mr. Foreman,

I collect autographed photos of, "Great Americans," a small and select group you are certainly part of.

Would you do me the honor of sending me one for my collection? Any size will do.

Thank You, Your Admirer.

—LEE VARON

Dear Shit Fer Brains,

For over 500 years the Elites of this Nation have waged physical as well as cultural genocide against the Native People of this land. The ecological destruction we are fighting to stop is at the very heart of this continuing genocide. For those of us in the battle to stop environmental destruction it is of the utmost importance that we stop the cultural genocide against Native Americans.

Everywhere, (ever-fucking-where) one looks plastic medicine men/women and pseudo shamans are popping up calling up spirits like Kokopelli or selling sweat lodge ceremonies, vision quests or rites of passage. These new age morons are no better than the Jimmy Swaggerts or the Jim Bakers of the Christian world. They are ripping off native culture, and the naive new age groupies who waste their money. (Take my advice and send that money to the EF! direct action fund so some real work can be done!)

Sincerely practicing Native religious beliefs on an individual bases is not wrong, but exploiting Native religious beliefs for person gain whether it be for money, or to get the pants or skirt off some naive new age wanna be is fucking wrong! As concerned activists it is our duty to fight these destructive wrongs as much as it is our duty to fight environmental destruction. Just because one is a long time EF! activist doesn't give one a unquestioned right to exploit Native American culture.

—HELLRAISER, GENE LAWHORN

Dear Refined Shit for Brains:

I've always enjoyed the Shit for Brains section of the *journal* the best. Although the last letters to the editor section was entertaining, it reminded me of a literary magazine more than an activist environmental forum.

I miss the old "say what you will, stand up for what you believe, damn the consequences" writing and I'm wondering if the stifling hand of PC isn't working here.

Because to be honest, I don't give a damn about all the whiney little shits out there that want a bigger piece of the pie for them and theirs. When you get right down to it, them and theirs are contributing to the problem. Therefore I don't think they count.

All I care about is improving the chances of the wolves, the bears, the songbirds, the butterflies etc. And I'd like to hear frogs croaking again when it turns hot.

—ANNA DAY NOW

Dear Editor,

I would greatly appreciate it if you would send me some information about your society and membership. I am sixteen years old and deeply concerned about this earth we call home. I want to help save this planet so my future children won't have to play in polluted playgrounds! I want to save the forest even if it means "spiking" trees or destroying the equipment that tears down our oxygen-providing trees. I realize that this government is doing absolutely nothing about this planet's condition and I have no respect for the government whatsoever. I am eager to join an organization that will do something to save the environment and I believe that the organization I'm looking for is Earth First!

Thank you for your time.
A concerned human.

—BRIAN REEVES, ARIZONA

Hi EF!

I'm writing in the hope that you know of an individual in South Afrika that will help me liberate the multi-colored swift imprisoned in my place of residence.

Thanks, Mr. Mudskipper

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Summertime in the

Rally for Cove/Mallard Wilderness!

We, the Ancient Forest Bus Brigade and Wild Rockies Earth First! are organizing a rally and free concert for the weekend of August 14-15. We invite you to attend and show support for our efforts to protect Cove/Mallard. Prominent conservationists and forest activists will be asked to speak at the rally. The rally and concert will be held on the 20 acres of land (part of the old Comstock mine) owned by the Ancient Forest Bus Brigade.

The purpose of the rally/concert is to build solidarity within diverse elements of the environmental movement, pertaining to road building and logging projects not only in Cove/Mallard, but all roadless areas in the Wild Rockies Bioregion. The weekend of August 14-15 will highlight the fate of these internationally significant wildlands.

In addition, the second annual international Wild Rockies Wilderness Day will be held on Tuesday, August 17. There will be a large demo, including civil disobedience in the Cove/Mallard project area. We are requesting solidarity demonstrations at Forest Service offices, federal buildings, congressional offices, and US embassies and consulates around the US and throughout the world. If you cannot attend the events at Cove/Mallard, please set up your own event or hold a demonstration. The Cove/Mallard campaign is fast becoming a symbol of the plight facing all remaining roadless lands in the US. Please help us make this campaign successful.

A short video describing the Cove/Mallard roadless areas, and the threats to them, is available on request. Please contact Ramon for further into at (208) 882-2581, room 252.

Noble Road Action

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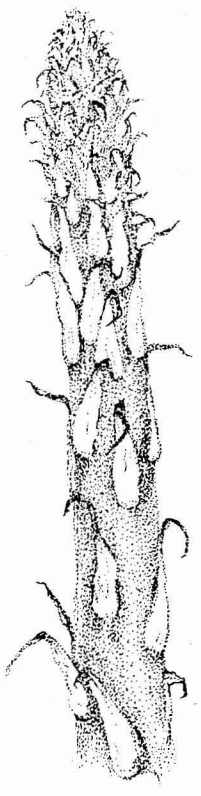
could be so blind as to miss the veritable treasure chest of life congregating in Cove/Mallard. But then again, most Freddies are not paid to walk— they are paid to drive—which means they must build more roads so next year they can access new clearcuts to drive their new trucks on. An endless cycle of destruction and extraction, obsolescence and waste.

To prevent these unnatural occurrences in the forests of Cove/Mallard, NRAT trudged into the night and arrived on the road with a party of road rippers, tripod climbers, lockdown teams, legal observers and video runners. On to the task at hand: occupying the eyesore upon which they trod.

Once on the road, flashlights were extinguished and voices ceased. Fortunately, the security on the Noble road was lax that night. The team reached the chosen site and the tripod crews set to work finding the poles for the sitters. In minutes the tripods were in place and both Deer Runs Away and Snapping Turtle were sitting atop their perches. Ironically, it would be over five hours before any law enforcement arrived on the scene.

The second stage involved the road rippers, who began digging feverishly. They dug holes on either side of the tripods. In each hole two people were locked, back to back, by their necks. In the chest-deep front hole was poured a bag of quick-crete with a chain buried in it. This would eventually be attached to Jagoff's ankle and locked with a padlock. NRAT carried 80 pounds of concrete so that Jagoff could do some earth bonding Wild Rockies style!



Graphics by Peggy Sue McRae

After two and a half hours of digging, the holes were completed and volunteers dropped into them. From beneath the road surface they could feel the pulse of the earth through the soles of their shoes.

Once they were in, the rest of the NRAT started piling up logs, slash, rocks and other debris in the middle of the road. The Noble road had been reclaimed! The road rippers and other support were free to disperse back into the cover of Cove/Mallard's evergreen canopy.

The view of the milky way, and an incredible moonrise through the forest with the light from the sunrise slowly creeping above the horizon, was worth the time spent in Idaho County Jail. The legal observers lit fires next to the folks buried in the road and spirits were high. It was only a matter of minutes before the showdown began.

The first vehicle was a Freddie truck which arrived at 5:30 am. The two special agents walked up with dumbfounded looks and exclaimed, "Well it looks like you've all been busy." No shit guys! They forgot their video camera, which was apparently in another truck, so they left to go get it. Upon returning they started photographing the whole scene and asked everyone to identify themselves.

While they were doing this, the bravest of all crawled underneath the Freddie truck and locked her neck to the rear axle. It was done so subtly that the Freddie videographers didn't know what was up until a camouflaged forest defender came out of hiding to inform them that they had better not try to move or even start their truck because someone was locked underneath. The activists witnessed two of the most surprised-looking Freddies west of the continental divide. Their surprise turned to anger as the bearer of the bad news ran off with Freddies hot on his heels yelling, "Stop, come back!"

The next Freddie truck showed up at about 6:15 am, with the engine left running lest the lockdown team have their way with another vehicle. For the next couple of hours they continued to film and take photos. It wasn't until two hours later when two deputies from the Idaho County Sheriff's Department arrived that any effort was made to remove people. From this point onward, a whole host of Forest Service personnel, sheriff's deputies, highway patrol and the road crew began to trickle in. As more people arrived, efforts to remove NRAT members intensified.

By 9:00 am, law enforcement had gotten serious about digging out the four buried in the road. Despite this show of initiative, it would take them over an hour and a half to do it. It was satisfying to see the law not only digging, but working as hard as the road rippers did.

As the deputies dug, Don Blewitt's (owner and chief fat man for Highland Enterprises) road crew arrived and one young logger contracted an obvious case of "Macho-itis". He boasted how easy it would be to catch one of our support team stationed in the vicinity. Suddenly, he spotted Thorn E. Weather, one of the lockdown team, attempting to approach some equipment. The macho logger was heard to exclaim, "I'm gonna catch me one of them faggots," as he took off after her through the forest. Emerald, who was hidden next to where the logger had sprinted past, decided to intervene. He yelled at the logger to stop. The logger turned around and ran back and tackled Emerald. He pushed Emerald down the hill and onto the Noble road where he presented his prized Earth First!er to the Freddies.

At about 10:15 am, Roo and Jagoff were removed from the front hole. The legal observers, Blue and Roadblock, who had witnessed Roo and Jagoff's extraction, were now placed under arrest and prevented from further witnessing. A dangerous situation was getting more dangerous. Then Clyde and Bill, who were buried in the back hole, were dug out. The road crew had previously surrounded Clyde and threatened to chop her leg off with a chainsaw if she didn't move. In the end, Clyde and Bill went limp and had to be picked up and placed inside the bucket of a front end loader. Now only the tripod sitters and Pink were left blockading the center of the road.

Rather than be party to a chainsaw masscare, Seargent Skot Mealer suggested lifting the pole to which Pink was attached and sliding her down and away from the tripod. As Skot and an assortment of cops and roadies lifted the tripod, he told Snapping Turtle, "Get ready to jump!" As they lifted, two of the poles pinched Snapper's leg like a couple of giant chopsticks.

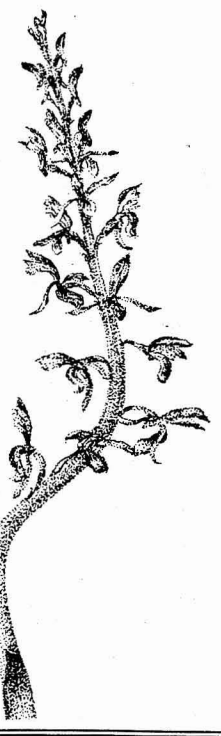
With Pink and the legal observers gone and the rest of the affinity group out of sight, things got even more dicey. The loggers fired up their 40-inch phallic chainsaws. At this point Skot changed his tone and said, "I hope you both are ready to jump because we're going to cut you guys out of the way." Not wanting to risk life and limb, Snapping Turtle and Deer Runs Away decided to come down and were duly arrested. Acacia was still locked beneath the Freddy vehicle.

A reporter and photographer from the Lewiston *Tribune* were now allowed to inspect the action site. Sheriff Gene Meinen had just arrived with an electric saw, complete with portable generator, to attempt to cut the kryptonites that held Roo and Jagoff and Clyde and Bill together by their necks. None of those still locked together gave Gene permission to cut them off. In the end (and with media watching), Sheriff Meinen decided to transport the four kryptonited hole-dwellers to Grangeville.

Meanwhile, Thorn came out of the forest and put her body in front of a grader on its way to repair the road. "Stop, you have no right to do this!" she exclaimed. Although she held up the grader for less than a minute, she was in perfect position to ensure a front page photo in the *Tribune* of Sgt. Skot Mealer pulling her out of the way.

The brave Acacia, wrapped in a space blanket given to her by a Sheriff's deputy, was still locked to the axle of the Freddy truck. When the rest of the arrestees were hauled off to Grangeville, she was the sole obstructor remaining. She was finally removed from the Noble road around noon. Sheriff Meinen sawed through her kryptonite.

The Noble road was reclaimed by the Freddies after a prolonged 12-hour siege. It was one helluva roadblock and NRAT could stand tall for executing a very empowering and effective action. However, if we are really going to stop further roadbuilding and any cutting in the northern half of Cove/Mallard, we need a combination of such actions. So come to Cove/Mallard in August and September and continue the campaign.



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"LATE NEWS"
On August 17, In solidarity with Cove\Mallard, Activists will be demonstrating outside the US embassy in Talinn, Estonia. Actions are expected around the world.

Idaho wilderness

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Over 5,000,000 acres, of which 1,000,000 is more or less unprotected National Forest.

—Percentage of that 1,000,000 acres that is roadless: 100%

—Miles of new roads approved by your Forest Service: 145

—Number of harvest units (clearcuts) to be accessed by those roads: 200

—Average size of harvest unit: 40 acres

—Modern scientific forestry principles to be utilized: Clearcuts

—Cost to taxpayers of subsidized road building: $6,000,000

NRAT and the Law:

The two legal observers at the July 15th action, Blue and Roadblock, as well as Emerald and Acacia, were taken to Boise, ID and charged with violation of a federal closure, a misdemeanor. Acacia was also charged with a felony for interfering with a forest officer. All four were initially held on $5,000 bail, but were released on their own recognizance (O.R.) after their arraignment on Monday, July 19, with the following instructions: 1. they must seek gainful employment; 2. they must phone their probation officer every day; 3. they must not violate the closure order; 4. if they fail to appear in federal court in Moscow, ID, on August 25, they must pay the court $500.

The other members of the NRAT affinity group who were arrested are being held on state felony charges. All were charged with conspiracy to commit grand theft (in excess of $150) for depriving Shearer Lumber products the use of the road—which, by the way, Shearer claims to own, even though the Noble road is National Forest land. The four members of the group who were embedded in the road are also charged with a second felony—malicious injury to property—for allegedly creating two gaping holes in the Noble road.

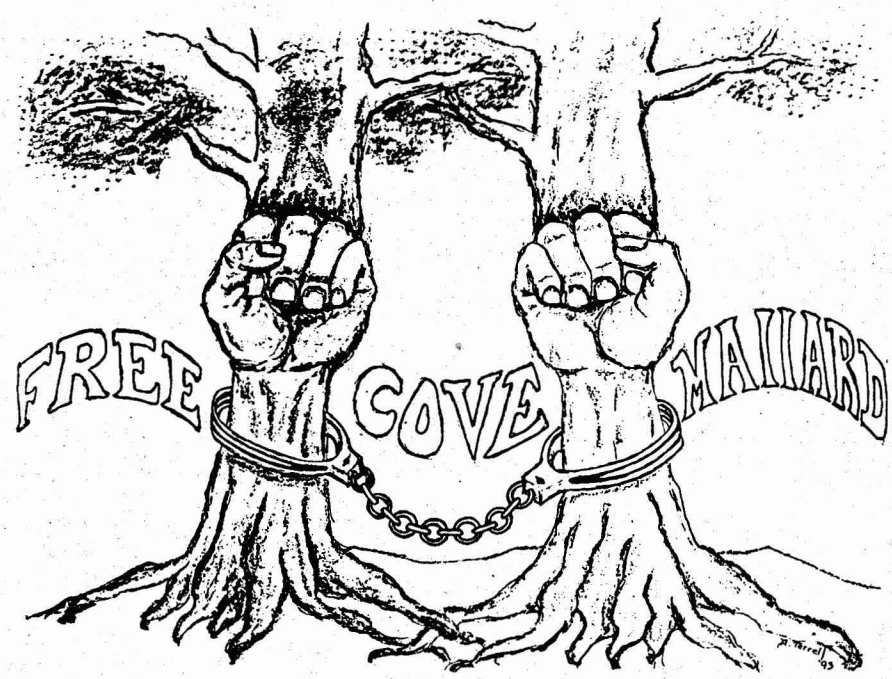
The eight activists facing felony state charges immediately began a solidarity fast, refusing all food and drinking only juice and water. The men held out for three days and then began eating. The women held out on their fast, and at press time were still not eating and not being served juice by the jailers in Nez Perce.

Prior to arraignment, all members of the affinity groups refused to give their names to the authorities. Initially, all eight activists were held in the Idaho County Jail in Grangeville, Idaho. They were arraigned by Judge Michael J. Griffin on Friday, July 16. Judge Griffin is holding the eight on $5000 bail each. On Saturday morning, two of the women, Clyde and Pink, were moved to the Lewis County Jail in Nez Perce, due to space limitations for female prisoners at the Grangeville facility.

On Tuesday, July 20, the eight were brought before visiting judge Stephen L. Calhoun of Lewis County for a bail reduction hearing. Darren Fales of the Grangeville law firm, Dee, MacGregor, Fales, and MacGregor, was assigned as public defender for the group. He made a strong plea for the eight to be released on their own recognizance with restrictions such as refraining from further civil disobedience and entering the northern half of the Cove/Mallard project areas pending trial.

Judge Calhoun, upon hearing statements by both the defense and by county prosecutor Jeff Payne, said he did not feel qualified to make any changes to the bail, as this was not his case and Judge Griffin seemed to have a handle on the proceedings. Yet he said that if we should happen to raise the $40,000 to bail ourselves out, we would be restricted from remaining in or returning to Idaho County except for court dates.

After the arraignment, all the activists were sent back to their respective jails where now they sit until their preliminary hearing on Wednesday, July 28th, at 2:20 PM. They will be reunited in front of Judge Griffin who will have returned (hopefully refreshed and invigorated from his vacation) to hear the prosecution present its evidence to demonstrate it has a case solid enough to go to court. If Payne can convince the judge that the state has sufficient evidence, the case will then be turned over to Federal District Court under Judge Rheinhart who, not being an elected official and not having to prove himself with the community in order to win votes, will hopefully be less biased against the eight activists and grant them an O.R. release. Judge Rheinhart has been heard to say, "The County Jail is not the place for political protesters."



Graphic by Clinton Jaye Terrell

An Open Letter from Our Friends in Jail

Hey you beautiful people who are making our lives behind bars bearable,

We've decided there aren't words to describe the enormous gratitude we have for all the work (and we know you are working your butts off) that you have done and continue to do to support the actions to stop logging and road-building of Cove/Mallard. We thank you all from the start, you wood nymphs and elves, everyone who is still pulling your hair out doing things for us when you could be doing other wild things. You know who you are; we wish not to mention names in fear of missing someone.

I've read something while on my visit here in jail that I want to share which describes you all pretty well: "There's something I want you always to remember. There are magnificent beings on this Earth that are walking around posing as humans. And I don't ever want you to forget that." (Fannie Flagg, *Fried Green Tomatoes at the Whistle Stop Cafe.*)

Thanks y'all—you are damn magnificent!! We love you.

Cove/Mallard Action Update

"They came on July 13 of last year. My life changed significantly that day."

With that sentence, quoted in the Spokane *Spokesman Review* on July 12, 1993, District Ranger Ed (Dead) Wood said it all. Since then he has rarely been seen, choosing instead to hide in the safety of his office rather than deal with the protests raging through the Nez Perce N.F.

How We've Changed Dead Wood's Life:

—July 1. Six activists arrested for being chained to a gate, thus denying access to the road beyond to road building equipment. Gate removed hours later and dragged away with howling activists still attached. Refusing to give their names, they were jailed for ten days and then released on a small bail charge.

—July 14. The same six, plus Erik Ryberg, are required to attend a mandatory appearance in US District Court, Moscow, Idaho, and informed that Federal charges are pending. Erik has six separate charges of violating the closure order and resisting a Federal Officer. Or was it violating the Federal officer and resisting the closure order?

—July 15. 12 more arrested for blocking the same road, the so-called Noble Road. Naturally we call it Ignoble Road. The arrestees utilized a variety of tactics ranging from being buried and cemented in the road up to their hairy armpits, locking to truck axles, chaining to tree platforms, and, most heinous of all, observing.

—July 19. The twelve remain in jail. We tried to raise the $5, 000 bail for each of them, but could only make $55,000, so we're off to Paris for a few weeks . We'll write, honest.

The Usual Odd Reaction of the Press:

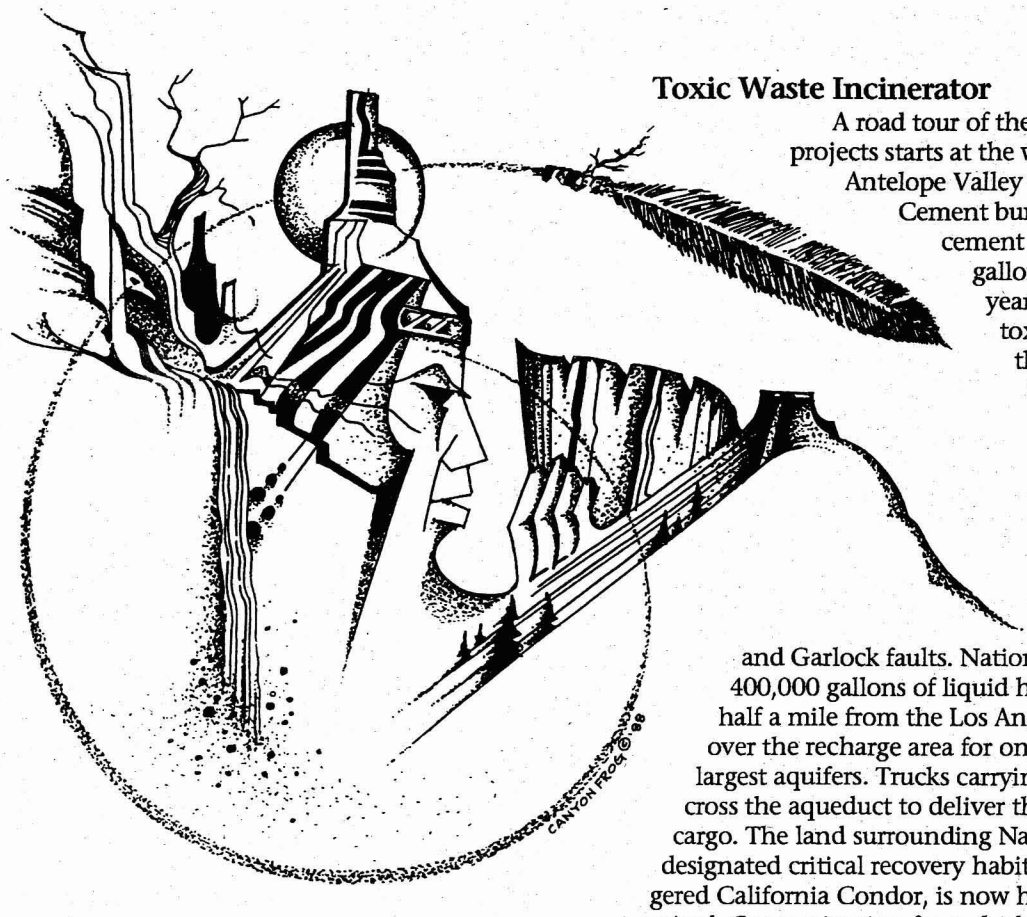
To quote the *Lewiston Tribune* in a lengthy front page article, "Earth Firstlers don't make small talk. Ask one of them a simple question and you're likely to hear more than you ever wanted to know about the Cove Mallard area..."

The same reporter described us as relentless. She's right.

"There are no leaders, no dues and no salaries," they declare, "despite persistent rumors some of the activists were lured to the area by classified advertisements in the Portland Oregonian and other newspapers offering $200 a week for people to show up in Dixie and protest the Cove Mallard timber sales."

"*What!?* So where the hell's my goddamn check, Ramon?" demanded one activist upon reading the article. For heaven's sake, where do they get this stuff?

Desert Rats



BY BURR PATTERSON, JR. & JANE MELANIE WILLIAMS

The desert regions of California have become southern California's solution to its waste crisis for nuclear waste, toxic waste, and municipal waste dumps. Sparsely populated and politically disenfranchised residents are outgunned and out-moneyed, but dauntless. They have banded together to form an effective and powerful coalition to fight these desert desecrators. The Desert Rebellion membership includes Native Americans, retired military officers, a Catholic Nun, scrappy jojoba farmers, high school students, and grandmothers in tennis shoes. Just your average group of extremist ecoradicals.

This desolate but beguiling landscape holds a certain undeniable mystique. Native Americans still draw inspiration, insight, and power from its sacred mountains, enchanted springs, beautiful valleys, and wealth of complex but fragile flora and fauna. Others flock to these areas to find the solace denied them in their frantic city lives.

But now the deserts are looked upon by greedy waste companies as space aplenty for the mountains of waste produced by our consumptive society. Generating over 80,000 tons per day of solid waste alone, southern California is the premier garbage producer in the world—a dubious honor indeed. The nation's largest waste haulers are in a high stakes game to see who can site southern California's first "mega-landfill."

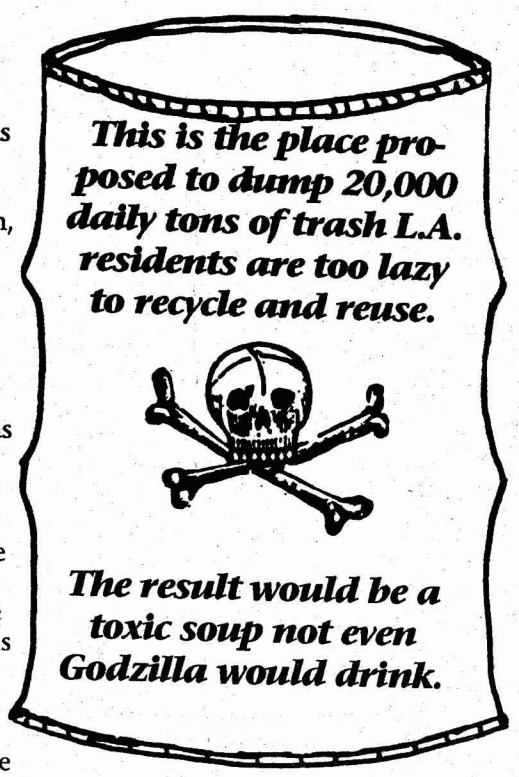
California also produces thousands of tons of nuclear and toxic waste each year that "has to go someplace" according to our politicians and the dump companies. What better place than the fragile desert ecosystems that are home to hundreds of sensitive species and the endangered Desert Tortoise? Not to mention that rare but intrepid species commonly known as the "desert rat."

The desert rats began inhabiting these regions relatively recently in geologic time, but have adapted quickly to the harsh, unforgiving desert clime. Joining the already indigenous species of Native Americans, they are now engaged in an all out war to save their treasured lands from the forces of destruction that have no conscience, and answer only to the almighty dollar.

Toxic Waste Incinerator

A road tour of the desert dumping projects starts at the western end of the Antelope Valley where National Cement burns, in an aging cement kiln, 75 million gallons of toxic waste a year. The only such toxic incinerator in the western United States, it is perched above the apex of the two largest earthquake faults in the Western Hemisphere, the San Andreas and Garlock faults. National Cement stores 400,000 gallons of liquid hazardous waste, half a mile from the Los Angeles aqueduct and over the recharge area for one of California's largest aquifers. Trucks carrying the wastes must cross the aqueduct to deliver their poisonous cargo. The land surrounding National Cement, designated critical recovery habitat for the endangered California Condor, is now hopelessly compromised. Contamination from the burning of hazardous waste may have resulted in the death of one of the two condors released to the wild in the past decade.

From National Cement's site, it is only a short drive to the most toxic town in California, Rosamond—home of the state's worst child cancer cluster and Stormy Williams, the unofficial mother hen of the Desert Rebellion. Nope, there are no proposed dump projects in this area—they wouldn't dare. When a nearby cement company proposed burning toxic waste in its kiln a few years ago, the proponents were run out of town on a toxic rail by a STORMY citizenry.


This is the place proposed to dump 20,000 daily tons of trash L.A. residents are too lazy to recycle and reuse.
The result would be a toxic soup not even Godzilla would drink.

Toxic Waste Graves

About an hour and a half drive due east lands you in Newberry Springs, a small town that was relatively quiet—until public hearings were scheduled for a toxic repository. Now neighbors who usually only see each other in a red moon are on the phone sharing the hottest new information from Rachel's Hazardous Waste News.

Just a few miles northeast, another toxic repository is planned in the Cady Mountains, directly along the migratory path of the Bighorn Sheep. The Bighorn is a sensitive species with a great deal of spiritual power for the Native Americans who have frequented the area for thousands of years. No matter that the toxic waste trucks would drive right through a protected Desert Management Area and thousands of tons of toxic waste would be placed in underground silos, to be retrieved "at some appropriate time in the future for reuse or treatment".

Seismic experts indicate that Barstow will be the likely site of the next BIG ONE in California, with a chance of an 8.0 quake in the next 50 years being somewhere between "probably" and "most definitely". Some seismologists think that the San Andreas fault may be taking a new path up the eastern side of California and that the recent Landera quake was just the beginning of bigger and better things to come.

This entire area is proposed to be our nation's next national park if the Citizens for the Mojave National Park are successful. Led by Peter Burk, a humble librarian from Barstow, this huge undertaking has pitted environmentalists and big business against one another. To maintain their lucrative projects; mining interests must now vie not only with environmentalists, but also with dump companies who are competing for the right to pollute too.

The West's Largest Human Structure Is a Dump

Another short hour to the east is the Amboy Crater where an ancient Indian god burrowed himself into the ground to hide until the eons deemed it fit for him to raise his fiery soul again. Watch out, Waste Management, Inc.—your proposal to build the West's largest manmade structure, a 42-story three-square-mile trash pile in the middle of a dry lake bed, may be met with some rather formidable local resistance. Large enough for 150 pyramids of Egypt to nestle comfortably inside, this project has already destroyed native cultural resources. Rumbling trains carrying 20,000 tons of trash a day from LA are liable to awaken more than the Desert Tortoise from its hibernation.

In fact, Ray Kirkham may be able to claim kinship to that fiery Indian god, at least in spirit. He has emerged as one of the most outspoken critics of this planned trash edifice. Spending hours gathering resolutions from local towns denouncing the dump, circulating petitions, and meeting with reluctant politicians, he is a certified, stalwart desert rat. Ray is determined to stop the desert desecrators from poisoning the water and air of this unique ecosystem.

"We're not against free enterprise and profits," he says. "We're against profiteering on pollution." Ray has become the champion of the small rural town's right to make its own decisions about the quality of life it chooses to reserve for its future.

Nuclear Reactors and the Colorado River

The Southwest's greatest high stakes poker game is being played out another hour's drive east of Amboy at Ward Valley. A beautiful, pristine valley, it is home to our nation's healthiest, most robust population of Desert Tortoise and a huge variety of fantastic plants and animals.

If US Ecology and Governor "Plutonium Pete" Wilson have their way, Ward Valley will become the dump for much of the nuclear waste produced in our nation. Only 20 miles from the Colorado River, the lifeblood of the Southwestern US and northern Mexico, Ward Valley has 8 million acre feet of water beneath it which drains into the river. Details, details. Proponents say the dump will never leak. They plan to bury millions of tons of highly radioactive nuclear garbage in *unlined* trenches.

US Ecology contends that the climate is so dry and the water so deep that the radionuclides have no possibility of percolating into the aquifer below, although studies show tritium from nuclear weapons testing is already beneath Ward Valley, migrating at an unknown but rapid rate. Merely more details for US "it will never leak" Ecology. Similar assurances were heard at Maxey Flats, Kentucky before US Ecology opened a dump there in 1978. Four years later plutonium was found two miles away from the site. Maxey Flats is now a Superfund

Desert Protection Act Update

As of press time, the California Desert Protection Act (Senate Bill 21) was scheduled to be voted on by the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee in late July. If it becomes law with its current language, the act would protect nine million acres, the largest lands protection legislation ever enacted in the contiguous US.

The gun lobby is blitzing Congress to make the Mojave desert a national park preserve, rather than a national park, a distinction that would allow hunting. Led by the National Rifle Association, the hunting lobby is pushing a "no net loss" amendment to the bill. This language would require that the overall acreage of federal land open to hunting could not be reduced from its current level. The result would be that new national parks could *never* be established unless they allowed hunting.

Your senators need to hear from you right away to counter the sleazy tactics of the NRA and their bloodthirsty cronies. Tell them you support the California Desert Protection Act without any compromising amendments.

Fight Back!

away from the site. Maxey Flats is now a Superfund site with a $500 million cleanup bill, due and payable by the US taxpayer.

The Aha MaCav Tribe has lived near the Colorado River since time immemorial. Their name means "guardians of the river" and they have sworn to stop the Ward Valley nuclear waste dump. Knowing that the destiny of their people is to live and die by the river, they cannot pick up their belongings and move to some uncontaminated place when the dump leaks deadly radionuclides into their water, nor can they abandon the spirits of their ancestors that abide in Ward Valley and throughout the Eastern Mojave Desert. Home to ancient petroglyphs and the Old Woman Mountains, Ward Valley figures prominently in the lore of the Aha MaCav and other river tribes. Tribal members frequent its sacred environs to gather herbs and imbibe its metaphysical ethers.

Equally concerned are the Nuwuvi (sometimes called Chemehuevi by others), who have vowed to halt the destruction of their sacred aboriginal lands by the nuclear age's deadly legacy. The Nuwuvi would be directly downstream of any contamination. Tribal members have traveled to the state capital with the Aha MaCav, voicing their determination to halt the dump and to force the industry to use technology which isolates deadly waste from the environment. Tribal council members have warned Arizonans of the potential threat they face should

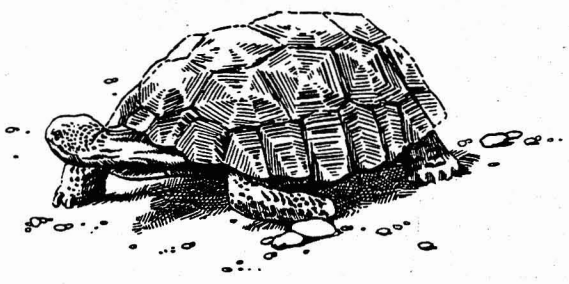
US Ecology's $50 million dollar project be approved by California's governor. Nuclear waste isn't compatible with Nuwuvi beliefs and ways.

More Mega-Landfills

Seventy miles southwest of Ward Valley is Eagle Mountain, one of the seven sacred mountains for the tribes living along the Colorado River. Indeed, the spirits of eagles abide here even now in the form of two cloistered jojoba farmers who moved to the area 20 years ago to live out their lives away from civilization's encroachments. The best laid plans of mice and men...

Along came the Mine Reclamation Corporation and Browning Ferris, Inc. determined to win the corporate race and be the first to site southern California's answer to its waste problems. The Eagle Mountain Landfill would transform an old Kaiser Steel Mine pit into a place to dump LA's trash. Featuring fractured rock with pools of standing water, over an aquifer that drains into the Colorado River, this is the place proposed to dump 20,000 daily tons of trash LA residents are too lazy to recycle and reuse. The result would be a toxic soup not even Godzilla would drink.

Eagle Mountain is also home to the Desert Tortoise. This creature has dwelt in these inhospitable environs for over 65 million years and its extinction is almost assured if these proposed dump projects are approved. Trash traveling to Eagle Mountain would also pass through habitat critical to many desert species, including the endangered Desert



Pupfish. Predation from the thousands of ravens that would be attracted to the dump would severely compromise the viability of the tortoise populations at Joshua Tree National Monument, an area designated by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) as critical habitat for the tortoise's recovery.

Donna and Larry Charpled's jojoba research farm is in the shadow of Eagle Mountain and the Kaiser Steel pit, testament to the fact that the gods have a sense of humor. Virtually alone they have fought off these corporate trash mongers for years, only recently being joined by Native Americans and other grassroots activists. Finally forced to use the tools of the society they disdain, the Charpleds filed suit against the proponents of the mega-landfill. They are determined to stop the dump and expose the poor stewardship of desert lands by the BLM.

Fifty miles south of Eagle Mountain near the town of Glamis is the Mesquite Mine. Western Waste plans to bury 600 million tons of waste there *over a hundred-year period*, or almost 20,000 tons per day. The proposed site is 20 miles from the Colorado River and 25 miles from the Mexican border. Since the Environmental Impact Statement is not yet completed on this project, little is known about its design or potential impact. This area has a great deal of underground water trapped in aquifers, many of which drain into the Colorado.

Also in Imperial County there is a proposed mega-landfill at Niland. Information on this project is scarce, but Chambers, Inc. proposes to accept 20,000 tons per day of trash from the greater LA area. This dump would be built on public lands currently managed by the BLM, as would many of the other proposed facilities. In fact, all of the dump projects currently proposed would require public lands to be transferred to private dump companies.

The Big Plant in the Desert

The last stop on the eco-tour of the desert is the very top of San Bernardino County, the town of Trona. Trona is the home of North American Chemical Company, formerly Kerr McGee (Karen Silkwood's killers). Here, migratory birds and raptors get into the brine lake from the plant's discharge. They cannot fly out, so they die struggling or from the cold caused by brine coated feathers.

The California EPA and the Air Resources Board recently did an inspection and found equipment with no permits, excess visible emissions from their facilities, strong sewage-like odors, stagnant toxic liquor around the facilities, and cleaning mechanisms disconnected. In the words of some state inspectors, "this is the worst air that has ever been monitored." Miles from the plant, the one-hour standard for hydrogen sulfide was exceeded 23 times during the eight-day monitoring period.

Readings for the known carcinogens carbon tetrachloride and benzene were higher then state and global concentrations. Arsenic levels were also elevated. This despite Proposition 65, a California law which requires public notice of any toxic release.

Summary

Obviously, mega-dumps and nuclear waste are incompatible with toddlers hiking on nature trails and octogenarians observing the mating behavior of the Stickleback Suckerfish. But somehow the BLM seems to think it can have it all. US Senator Dianne Feinstein disagrees, saying that the BLM has proven itself unable to protect the fragile desert public lands from wanton exploitation. She has reintroduced the California Desert Protection Act (see sidebar on facing page). It

Desert rats protesting California's hazardous waste policies at the state capitol of Sacramento. Photos by Stormy Williams.

remains to be seen if even an act of Congress can prevent the terrible devastation that threatens to strike the California deserts.

Indeed, it may ultimately take the combined powers of the Fiery Indian gods and those intrepid irascible Desert Rats to halt the looming destruction.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Write to us and offer to write letters for us. If you live in southern California, get involved by attending meetings. We have a list of people who need to hear from you and will send you updates of the battle. Contact:

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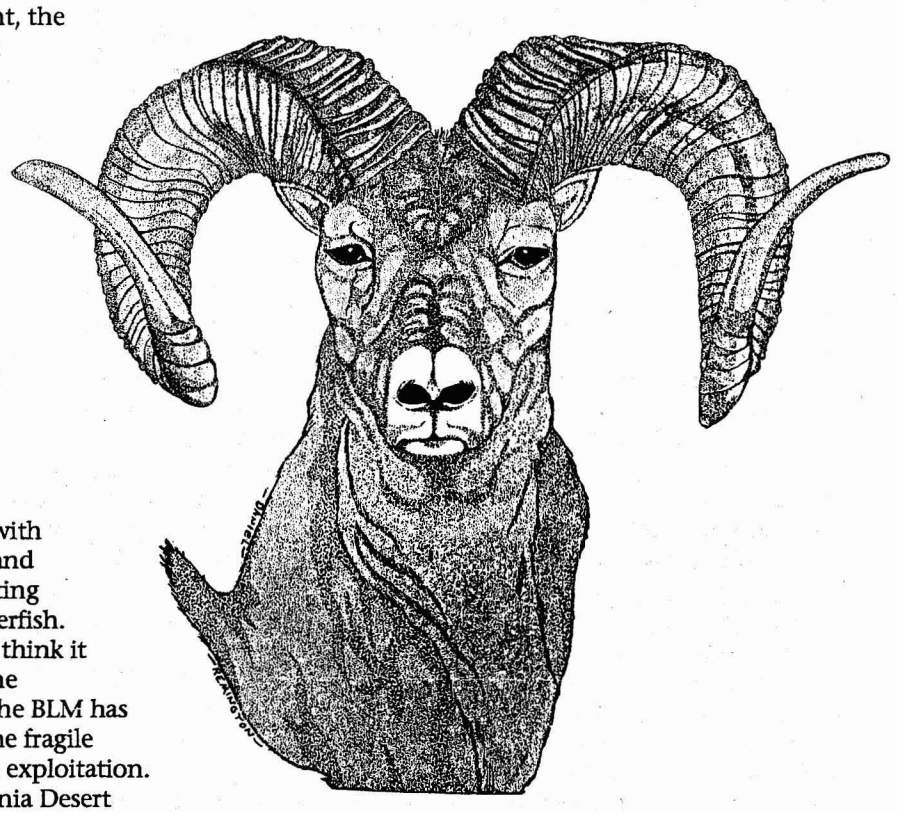
Victory!

Desert rats were successful in defeating a dump at Vulcan Mine, vetoed by the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors in July. White Creek Enterprises had proposed to shred and dump two million old tires into an abandoned iron ore mine pit smack in the middle of the proposed Mojave National Park.

Despite the rarity of desert rats in San Bernardino County, Burr Patterson, Jr. & Jane Melanie Williams tenaciously defend their habitat.



On Top of Mt. Graham continued

After something akin to opening ceremonies of music and chants, the revelry calmed into focussed expression of respect for this mountain, her creatures, and the Mother Earth. Singing "Ancient Mother, we feel your pain, we taste your tears," a deep connection was made. Spontaneously, those in the circle extended arms down and placed palms firmly on the Earth and felt her pain. A young woman spoke of the despair of youth and her fear of bringing children into this disintegrating world. Others spoke of their anguish. As despair spiraled to the bottom, circled the depths, trying to find a way up, Sequoia proclaimed, "Remember, the Earth isn't dying. It is being *killed.* And the people who are killing it have names and addresses!" Darryl gave a quick strum on his guitar and launched into the song, *"Earth First!,"* while the crowd sang along: "How will we make up for our mistakes? The answer is, *whatever it takes!.*" Empowerment flowed through the group and we cut loose with screams and howls that reverberated off the foundations of those concrete hulks behind the chain link fences.

After several hours, the Sheriff asked us to leave. We circled up to see if we could achieve consensus on this question. Sheriff Mack joined our process and raised his hand to speak, waiting his turn, unusual behavior for someone with a badge. (Have you *ever* seen a cop raise his hand to speak??) But the biggest badge-person surprise came after we struck an agreement that we would leave the site under two conditions: First, we demanded the person arrested (there were about 50 people who had been in the woods around the telescope site playing cat & mouse with the authorities for several hours) would be returned to us and secondly, Sequoia piped in with a request for some assistance in the trek down the hill, due to her injured knee. Sheriff Mack declared that if we would leave now he would "...carry her down on my back." We deferred the decision whether to leave to the Mt. Graham activists. They decided it would be best to take the energy we had generated through the connection made with the mountain to the offices of the decision-makers in Tucson the following day. So Sheriff Mack, an honorable sort for a cop, hoisted Sequoia onto his uniformed back. With this red-headed wild woman protester mounted up, he started down the two mile road to the strains of "She'll be carried down the mountain when she comes." Halfway down the mountain, after she had moved from his back to his shoulders, we heard him say "Uh-oh, there's channel 9," but the cameras were already whirring and the image of protester atop cop was captured for the 10 o'clock news. Mysterious forces (very robust squirrels?) dragged blow-down branches, logs and boulders onto the road, in a preliminary effort at rehabilitation. Several people were detained in connection with this, but released without incident.

At the bottom, as rumored earlier in the Rendezvous, the cops had brought drug sniffing dogs to our vehicles. These narcotic-nosed canines had shown interest in a number of specific vehicles (surprise, surprise) so the boys with badges entered and searched three cars, finding nothing.

We learned that after sniffing the vehicles of those protesters who hiked up the mountain, the curious canines went to the main encampment and cruised the parking lot there, distressing our security folks on duty. Little could be done in light of whose hands the legal power (read: guns) rested.

Camp broke on the mountain top, and the spiritual connection with Mt. Graham remained strong, feeding our conviction to take the no compromise message to the decision makers in Tucson.

"You are the leaders. You are the angels of this Earth."
Irwin Rope, Apache Medicine Man

Coming out of the cool pine and fir forests of the sacred mountain to the scorching concrete of Tucson elicited more than just eye squints. We were resolved to demand justice for the mountain and the Red Squirrel as people prepared to invade the UofA campus. This time we encountered no friendly Sheriff Mack willing to give piggy back rides: Instead we were met by Tucson police with riot shields (to keep them from being pelted with angry truths?), and UofA cops, with their reputation for meanness intact. Yet they were not quite on their toes, as over 100 defenders of Mt. Graham managed to get up to the seventh floor offices of UofA president Manuel Pacheco. The noise and excitement level in the normally placid and flaccid administrative offices skyrocketed as elevator after elevator brought drumming, whooping, sign carrying protesters, to his floor. The whole building reverberated with the sound of palms on drums, doors and walls and the low wail of a conch shell.

Irwin Rope, an Apache medicine man, reiterated the importance of the alliance of the Native people fighting for their freedom of religion and their sacred places and the eco-warriors defending the mountain and the "rights" of the Red Squirrel. He told the crowd, "You are the leaders. You are the angels of this earth."

Tensions rose as the occupation of Pacheco's offices and many other parts of the building continued. A banner proclaiming *"Respect Native American Rights and Environmental Law/Free Mt. Graham!"* and bundles of shredded paper floated down from the window as banners and music took over the front lobby and steps. Finally, after two protestors locked themselves by the neck to Pacheco's door with a kryptonite bicycle lock, the cops started making arrests. The entire action, though loud, boisterous and spirited was completely non-violent. People reiterated over and over our non-violent intentions; nevertheless, the cops used pain compliance holds on nearly all the arrestees.

A protester who was subjected to a painful, neck-wrenching trip to the police van faced further problems. A cop noticed his badge missing. When that same badge mysteriously showed up in the protesters shorts pocket, he was slapped with the additional charge of theft.

The action continued outside as well as inside. While some folks were locked down, there were reports of a damaged painting, missing office equipment, and glued locks elsewhere in the building. Action outside was also getting creative. Scores of Earth First!ers were witnessing the cop-transport of their compadres, cheering each arrestee with wild howls and admonishing the police for their harsh treatment ("Bad cop! No Donut!") Meanwhile others were dragging large blocks of concrete over to block the police van exit route, playing cat and mouse. There were plenty of verbal confrontations, singing and the usual rowdiness. After a busy day, a romp through the campus sprinklers proved to be a refreshing respite.

In all, 25 people were arrested and charged with the misdemeanor Interfering with the Lawful Activity of an Educational Institution. Sorry, but when that "lawful" activity includes desecration and destruction of sacred natural areas and habitat of species on the brink of extinction, higher laws come in to play.

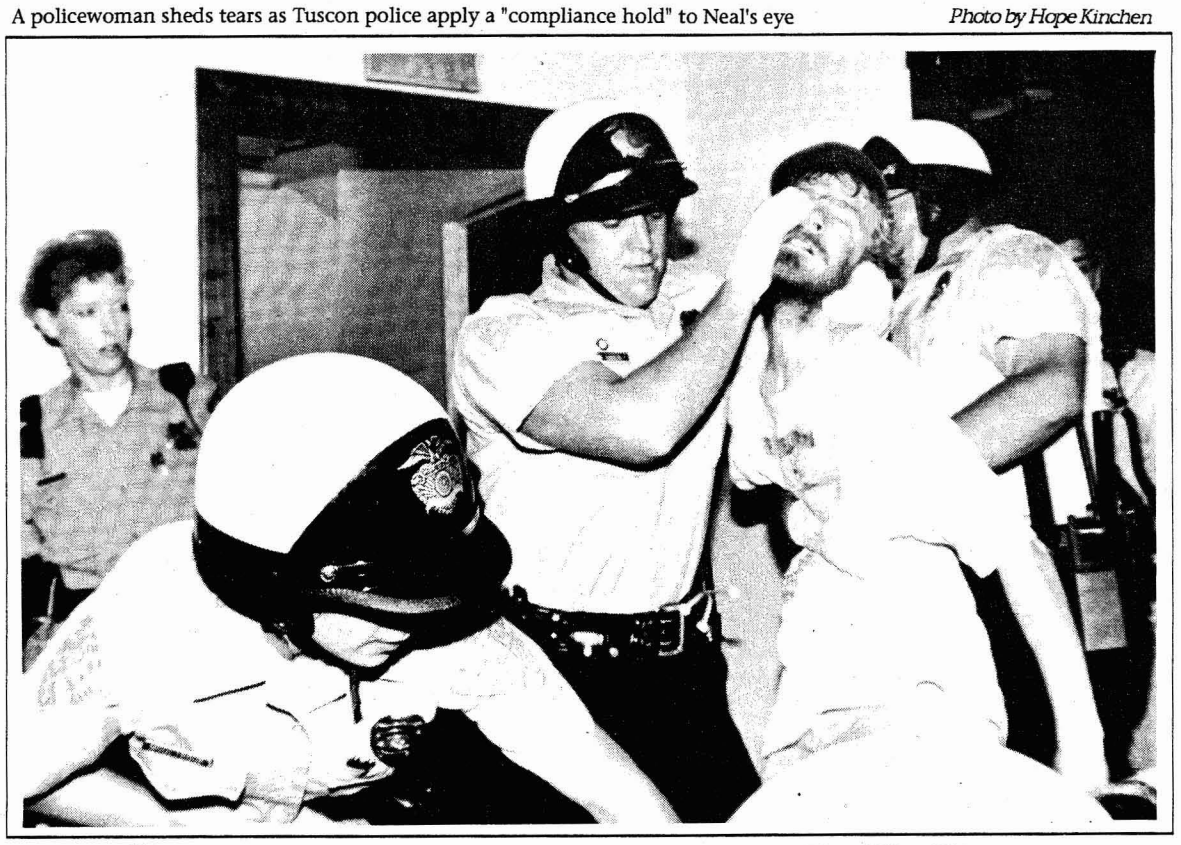
The evening news had the green Earth First! fist logo in the upper left corner of the glowing screen and the anchors discussing Earth First! like they were eco-rads themselves. "Bonnie, what do you think about future plans for another demo like this protesting the scopes?"

"Well John, you know, I talked to them and from what they said, they don't plan, they just DO."

Indeed.

Karen Pickett is a New England fence style that is popular in the Bay Area coastal range (CA). This fencing is very effective at preventing environmental destruction.

A policewoman sheds tears as Tuscon police apply a "compliance hold" to Neal's eye — *Photo by Hope Kinchen*



RRR Report

BY JIM FLYNN

This year's Round River Rendezvous was something special. Earth First!ers, American Indians, police officers, onlookers and feds came from all over the planet to recognize the importance of Mt. Graham. The site was a heavily forested plateau, more than 9,000 feet above the desert, close to the summit of Mount Graham. The rendezvous committee really got ambitious, with Apache events and forest actions throughout the week.

Every morning, which seemed to get later every day, there was a discussion circle followed by workshops of all kinds. Notable topics included: Mt. Graham vs. the U of A, Earth First!/American Indian alliances, Cove/Mallard, Big Mountain, Non-Monogamy, and "How to Sink a Whaler." On Friday morning we decided to have next year's RRR in the southern Appalachians. The Activist Conference will be in southern California this winter, and Oregon will host the Northwest Rendezvous in the spring.

San Carlos Apaches came to the site to welcome us and to work with us. Ola Cassador Davis spoke of Mount Graham's power and of alliances with environmentalists. An 18-mile Apache Sacred Run arrived on Saturday despite harassment from police and other motorists. Dozens of EF!ers joined in the run which climbed over 4,000 feet!

Things got weird at night with entertainment everywhere. The site was so large that some folks "got lost" and found themselves in the Red Squirrel preservatorium. The local authorities were kind enough to return them to the fold. The Tribal Jam got funky around the fire while others chose to view from a cliff. Energy flowed over into the rally on Sunday where dead bloated caribou fired up the show with Dennis's "Caribou Polka."

Post rendezvous actions were held at the observatory site and in Tucson (see cover story). All in all, this year's RRR significantly furthered the relationship between the environmental and American Indian movements. The rendezvous committee did a fantastic job. Muchas gracias compadres.

Jim can't quite remember when or why he made a one-year commitment to the Journal. *Meanwhile he's been packing his '63 Chevy with computers and back issues.*

Big Seated Mountain

University of Arizona Hosts Earth First! Occupation

BY FREIDA BEA OF AZEF!

"We shall not, we shall not be moved..." At least 100 EF!ers, still suffering from city shock after being on wild Mt. Graham for a week, took the dancing, chanting rally to the University of Arizona's Mirror Lab in Tucson on July 6. Here the largest telescope mirrors in the world are produced for a price so high the U of A had to start their own project to get any buyers. But this scorching party was not exciting enough, so we decided it would be best to get some shade, preferably in ol' Manny's office way up on the seventh floor. Though the ever-dutiful security certainly tried to guard U of A's precious President Manny Pacheco's little box from some harmless folks who only wanted to speak with him, they failed miserably.

The first elevator full was so calm and mellow, I'm sure spokeswoman Sharon Kha now wishes she had just let us make the appointments we wanted, instead of forcing us to make a ruckus to get them. But lo, the elevators kept coming, and coming, and coming, and all these EF!ers kept packing the little lobby with their big and little bodies. After a while, we were all breathing the sweat of sacrifice dedicated to a sacred mountain, a mountain filled with precious critters and plants found nowhere else, a mountain being prostituted for the sake of the Church's science. Whoever believes the Pope doesn't know about the Vatican Observatory's partnership in the project may also believe feminists are a threat to society, as he's recently stated.

After cheering and intense drumming and singing, Apache Medicine Man Irwin Rope spoke. He talked of the racial injustice that continues for the Apache people, having to go to courts and Congress to fight for their religious freedom, and having to fight against the destruction of their holy chapel. He spoke well of the alliance between Apaches and Earth First! to defend creatures close to disappearing forever, and honoring the sacred together.

We were finally warned of arrest if we stayed. Just then, a displaced Mt. Graham Red Squirrel disguised as a bearded hippie from hell decided to communicate the demands of the people. Eloquently stated:

—We call for an end to ANY construction plans atop Owl Peak (peak #10298), endangered habitat and home to many threatened and endangered species.

—The honoring of Apache religious freedom.

—The dismantling of the two scopes atop Emerald Peak.

—President Pacheco should get naked and dance with us.

Since we planned to stay until these demands were met, it was time to get comfortable. After all, they still had the whole day to begin bulldozing the scopes—or at least sign and agree to our demands. With one woman kryptoed to the door hinge and three others chained to her, the rest of us sat in a circle of locked arms—in solidarity with freedom for the mountain and the Apache people. Luckily, there were enough extra chains for the Red Squirrel to krypto onto the door as well, making for some really photogenic shots of these lock lovers' necks painfully bent at 90° angles on top of one another for over two hours.

Although some folks had cleared out after the third warning, an impressive number remained. The two children present provided inspiration and strength to us all and we thank them. There were some good rounds of storytelling, speeches on why we were spending this day of our lives trying to get a message across to Prez Manny, and songs of deep spirit. We were joined not merely by arm and neck but by the unbreakable power of our love for this Earth and our instinctual, timeless commitment to defend Her against all rapists, liars, wimps, and popes. We brought the mountain's wishes right to U of A's doorstep—what more could they ask for?

They asked for the Tucson City Police; I guess they were a little intimidated by the totally non-violent, peaceful singalong. The riot-geared helmet-costumed force, ever so diligent and professional, went over to the first arrestee and applied a pain hold—"used for compliance" to get him standing. Continuing to the next person, the officers yanked her neck and removed her from the room. Next was a woman who screamed that she had metal plates in her face after they'd pressed their hands into it. Holding her arms and legs while increasing the pain holds, her body thrashed as she was taken. The violence continued on person after person as each one went limp— poking fingers into a Texan's eyesocket, headlocking and dazing a Tucson man, until all us violators of peace were effectively taught to return to passive dissent once again... NOT!

WE WENT BACK! Even after the last krypto-locked woman was pain-complied into arrest, while she was still locked down. Even after learning that the woman with the metal face plates complained of pain on the elevator (away from the eye of the press), only to have a female suit stick her fingers up the arrestee's nostrils. Even after learning that a woman in a paddywagon had her head brutally yanked around by a male officer, forcing her to be videoed.

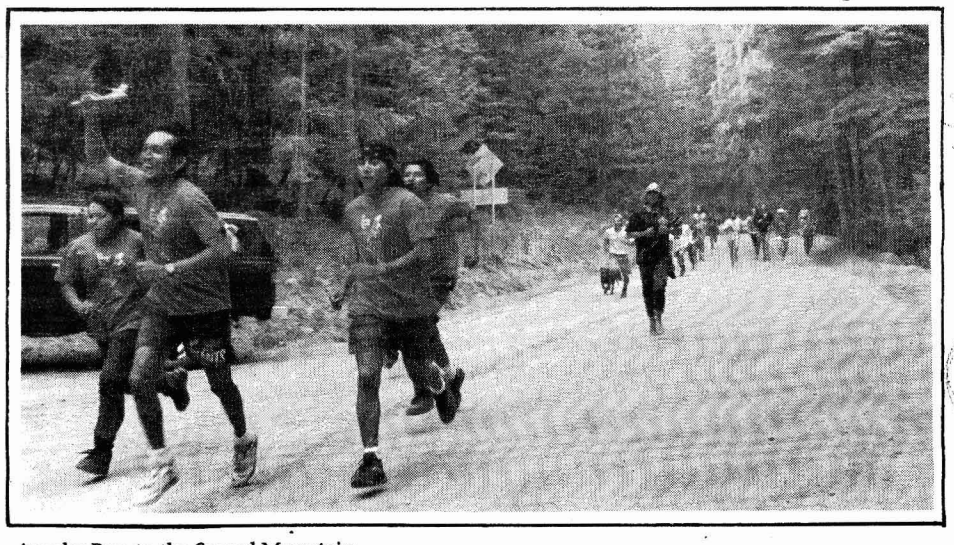
Holding her arms and legs while increasing the pain holds, her body thrashed as she was taken.

We were released fairly quickly that day, excepting the woman who thrashed when they bloodied her rebuilt face and was held in County Jail on charges of assault. We had a night of bare-skinned wa-hooing to celebrate and, being back up to par, we returned the next day chanting "We're angry, we're back, and we're not going to jail!" About 25 of us masochistic eco-warriors, the same number who were arrested the previous day, carried pick, hoe, shovel and saw to the front of U of A's administration building. We offered to help take down the scopes but the officials weren't open to it.

We then marched over to the Steward Observatory/ Vatican offices, for a swim in their slimy unkept fountain which bears the inscription, "The right is more important than peace." Manny, go visit the memorial and get the point; we love Mt. Graham, and we will keep coming until you stop the scopes! We may have a hell of a lot of fun being serious—but it only means more success and press next time.

The jailed woman was finally released two days later. The tribe is as strong as ever, more pissed off than ever, and ready to head back to the mountain. Ready to defend and beat the scopes, in *our* homes as well—the woods are our territory. So come on and join the fun, cause it ain't over until the pope's scopes are dozered.

"We who believe in freedom cannot rest. We who believe in freedom cannot rest until it's come."



Apache Run to the Sacred Mountain

Summer Actions Continue

BY FAITH WALKER

The 1993 Round River Rendezvous fired off a rash of actions in the continuing struggle to liberate Mt. Graham. The following is a compilation of various actions carried out by Earth First!ers and kind and eager informants. Several of these activities are described in more detail in this issue.

Freedom Walks, June 29 and July 2: A large troop of Rendezvousees walk alongside the University of Arizona's sacred road (to touch it means arrest) to the refugium boundary, with the idea that marchers familiarize themselves with the mountain and converse/ share donuts/play cat & mouse with the cops. Overheard radio conversations between officers on the ground and helicopters above indicate that the copters are technoed-out with infra-red and can point out precise locations of humans in the woods. The Butt-Naked Affinity Group (BNAG) forms and resurfaces in various locations and with varying aims throughout the next three weeks.

Venture to Owl Peak, July 3: 14 individuals scamper swiftly through the night with gear for two treesitters planning to occupy the proposed scope site on Owl Peak (formally called peak #10298). Techno-crap, perhaps motion detectors, alert UofA guards and dogs of EF! presence atop the peak, and the sit effort is foiled. However, the effort results in the Peak's renaming.

Emerald Peak Rally/Woods Action, July 5: 100-175 people rush the scope site, on the road and in the woods.

UofA Occupation, July 6: Approximately 80 folks visit president Manuel Pacheco's office with Mt. Graham related demands and a request for personal appointments (see article this issue). Twenty-four people are brutalized and arrested by Tucson police. Meanwhile, there are press reports that the pope meets with an extraterrestrial for a baptismal ceremony at the Safford Chamber of Commerce.

The Grapevine, July 7 predawn: Rumors fly that prez Pacheco was seen slamdancing butt-naked to AC/DC at the post action debriefing.

UofA Action, July 7: Mothers Against the Scopes Affinity Group (MASAG), decked out with shovels, saws, rakes, ropes and a slingshot, offer a free scope dismantling service to the UofA. After silent stares from the Administration building, MASAG members voice choice chants such as "The people united shall be rounded up and shot." Mt. Graham steering committee member Steve Emerine is seen slinking around the Administration building and is kindly requested to retire.

UofA Action, July 8: After being blocked from the elevator by Pacheco's five-foot secretary, six individuals visit Pacheco's office to see when the appointments with the president are, and discover that the July 6 list of appointment requests was mysteriously lost.

UofA Action, July 9: Earth First! arrestees announce on the Administration building steps that the Tucson Police Department is being sued for use of excessive force during the July 6 arrests.

Forest Circus, July 14: After pleading "no compromise," 20 individuals wander from court to the Coronado National Forest Stupervisor's Office to meet with stupervisor Jim Abbott and a biologist. Abbott and Costello are amazingly unresponsive and the glum Abbott repetitively admits to not knowing answers to very basic questions regarding Mt. Graham.

Nude Strollers, July 15 predawn: BNAG, manifesting as nude strollers, marches in Tucson. After visits from helicopters and cop cars, all members, even at such an odd hour, graciously decide to honor the Tucson Police Department's vigorous effort to meet with them to discuss the Mt. Graham issue.

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Armed With Visions

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& just as dangerous

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DOUGLAS FIR GROW HERE

The book said
...Douglas Fir grow here...
and she looked
down the hill towards the rapid running river
scanning between the boulders
to find one Douglas Fir
pausing as a golden eagle circled and swooped
so near she heard the rustle of wind
escaping the upward lift of wings...
and she looked between the rough trunked Ponderosas
and pungent Pinyons
to find one Douglas Fir
amongst the grasses, prickly cactus and squatty Juniper
and finding none, she turned
to follow the winding uphill path that opened
to a flood of sage leaves lifting on the gentle breeze
and there it stood.....alone.....in miniature
one Douglas Fir, so small
she smiled, remembering
the towering giants who never stopped
reaching up towards misty skies, bold, tall
superstars, ancient spirits holding the secrets
of renewal, and stillness, and endurance
and remembering the giants
she gazed upon the one small Douglas Fir
and this land of Bayonet Yucca and fragile Scarlet
Beardtongue and yellow roselike blossoms
pushing out from tips of throny wombs, and rocks
of red and gray and brown and white
and the bluest of blue skies that
she had ever seen in all of the places where
she had ever walked and smelled and felt and
it was here in the canyons and the gorges and
rimtops and arroyos
where the mountains are musky blue and purple
in the waning light
and the crimson-sheafed cliffsides pierce the dawn
with the mystery of ancient footsteps
carrying the stories of creation in round
red-earth bowls.....
and here beside the tiny Douglas Fir
she stood rooted, deeply connected
to the forces that stand in affirmation to
the elevation and preservation
...of life.

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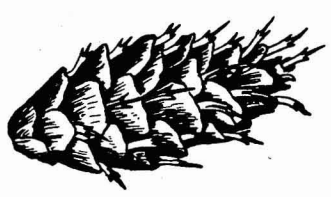


Devolution

I saw men reach the moon
And then turn back,
My mother learn to drive
Though she soon forgot,
Hobbling about the open market
With a woven sack
Has been my chosen lot.

Sharon Rudahl

At the Planning Commission

That it should come to this—that we
movers of earth, cutters of trees,
polluters of springs and streams
should sit in a heated public room
deciding where fences shall be run
over the unresisting land,
decreeing where power lines shall go
and houses of the rich be planted!
In the beam of the overhead projector
a French-curve map stains the wall,
lots laid out like steaks and chops
on a butcher's cutting chart.
I've seen this mountain in another light,
toothed with the quiet symmetry of firs,
after a night when deer and fox and owl
fed and went to sleep, coyote's song
brought the dark alive and skunk
left a subtle warning on the wind.

Restlessly I cross my legs, uncross them.
I have had my say. Now it is up to the five
behind microphones at the front of the room,
visibly tired, thinking of dinner,
craving a cigarette, a coffee break.
I forgot to tell them about the salamanders
dark as chocolate, torpid with cold,
that move up the mountain about this time
every year, how easy it is to drive
right over them if you are unaware.
I forgot to tell them about the golden eagle
that clings to the top of the transmission tower,
feathers in the air, talons clutching metal,
half in his world, half in one we made.

Barbara Meyn

The Abalone Heart
Ahsahta Press,
Boise State University, Boise, ID

Mount Graham Fighting the Telescope

The trees and the breezes are fine,
but if you're going to build a telescope here
you're out of your mind.
The flowers are pretty the streams are ice cold
but a telescope shouldn't be.
Young and old
should agree
This telescope shouldn't be!
Death of Mt. Graham or no telescope!
Which will it be!
A or B!!?

Natalie

SCARIER STILL

On April 30th, 1991, a typhoon sweeps across Bangladesh,
killing 100,000 humans in one day
Humans living on sand bars and marshes at tide's edge,
in places where humans had never lived before,
—and should never have lived

they were there because there was no room anyplace else
facing 200-kilometer winds and seven-meter seas
with only hunger and tin-can shacks

Not a chance—Not a chance at all

But on that very day when 100,000 humans died in Bangladesh,
the world's human population still increased by 150,000 more.

And that is scarier stilll
Scarier still
Much, Much Scarier Still

Dwight Worker

DEFENDERS OF NOPIMING

BY DAVID NICKARZ

The production of mainstream newspapers in the United States from Illinois to Colorado is resulting in the death of a forest and the extermination of the southernmost herd of Woodland Caribou, an endangered species.

When settlers arrived in the Red River Basin in the early 1800s, over 63% of Manitoba was covered with forests. Red Pine, Jack Pine and White Spruce covered the southern part of the province. The middle of Manitoba is covered with boreal forest, making a northern boundary for the prairie. By 1870 railroads came to Winnipeg, making resource extraction easier. The southern forests began to disappear. Prairie was sacrificed to agriculture, wetlands were drained and the forests were exported for lumber. The Red Pine forests were gone by the 1920s.

Two giant pulp mills at The Pas (Repap Inc.) and at Pine Falls (Abitibi-Price) are now transforming two-thirds of the boreal forest to wood pulp. Most of this wood pulp is for newsprint exported to the US. In Manitoba, "Provincial Parks" means logging and mining. Only one other province has such a backward view of its provincial parks, Quebec (surprise surprise). The two pulp mills in Manitoba rely on logging in Grass River, Duck Mountain and Nopiming Provincial Parks.

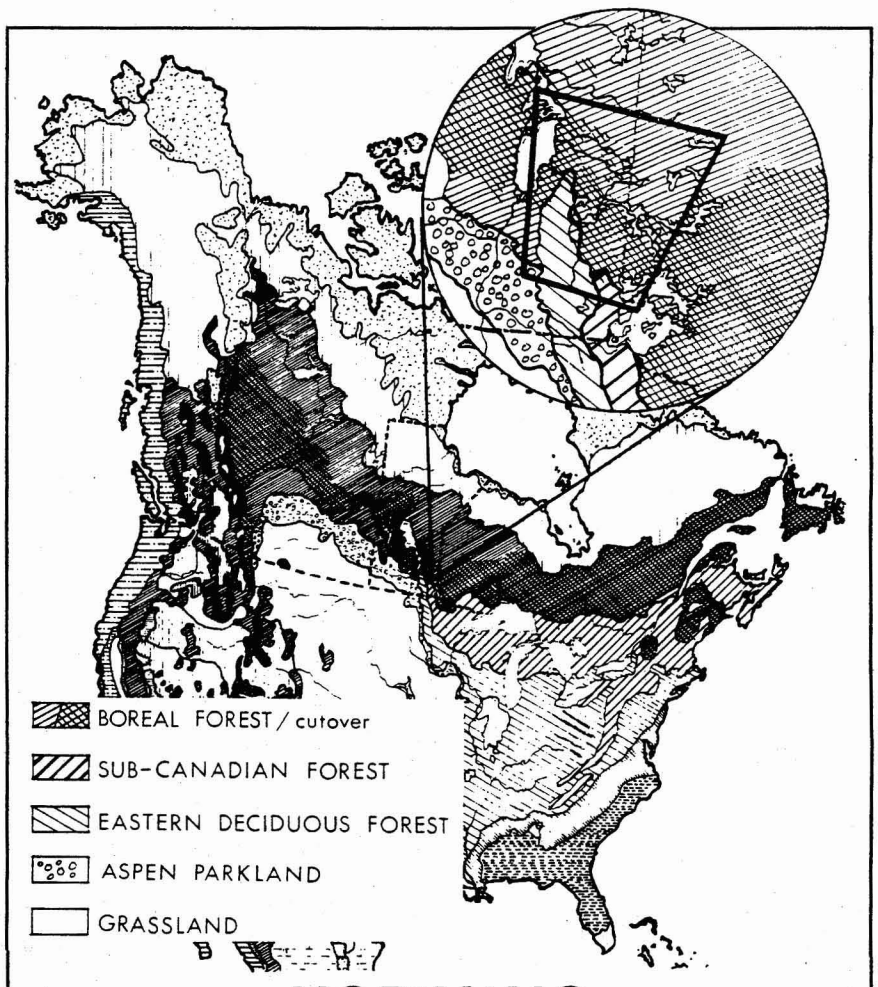
We have acted very patiently with this issue, but as usual, we've been screwed.

The defenders of Nopiming have organized to stop resource extraction in Nopiming Provincial Park, and in all provincial parks in Manitoba. The Abitibi-Price mill in Pine Falls has a Forest Management License (FML) with Nopiming situated right in the middle. This mill, which has been in operation since 1921, is located at the mouth of the Winnipeg River and has been polluting the drinking water on an adjacent Native reserve, Zaangiing. The mill employs 500 people from the town of Pine Falls, while of the 5,000 Anishinaabe people who live in the area, only about 30 work at the mill in low-level jobs.

The mill in Pine Falls is a sulfite mill. It does not use chlorine to make it's paper white, but the damage caused by the whitening process is still extensive. Although no studies of these polluting substances have been completed in Manitoba, similar pollutants have wiped out entire species of fish in Sweden. In a recent university study, plans to install recycling facilities have been found to be unfeasible

The Zaangiing reserve is directly downstream and right next to the mill. People from this reserve have been reporting tainted drinking water and illnesses for 70 years, yet these reports are either denied or ignored by mill management and all levels of government. It is easy to understand why the Anishinaabe people do not trust the mill management when they say that they will clean up their act.

The Nopiming Forest stretches from the Winnipeg River to the Wannipigow River, and from the height of the land in northwest Ontario to Lake Winnipeg. The forest consists of a mosaic of four main types of natural communities: Jack Pine is located on the dryer upland sites; a Black Spruce/Tamarack community is associated with swamps and bogs; river communities contain White Spruce, Balsam Fir, Aspen and Balsam Poplar, and isolated stands of Scrub Oak, White Elm, Ash and Manitoba Maple make up the remaining areas.



The word Nopiming is an Ojibwe word meaning "in the forest." The Nopiming Forest is part of the Boreal Forest, the last remaining abundant forest in North America. The last untouched old growth in Nopiming Forest is about to be cut, thereby threatening this region's already reduced biodiversity.

A remnant herd of Woodland Caribou is struggling for existence in the Nopiming Forest. This herd of 40 animals, once 400 strong, relies on the lichens found only in old-growth boreal forests. Therefore, if the old growth in Nopiming is cut, we can kiss the southernmost herd of Woodland Caribou goodbye.

Time for Action!

This is the first logging license subject to a public environmental assessment review in Canada. The assessment report, supportive of the environment, was overturned by the government with a stroke of a pen. We cannot allow this precedent to stand.

We have acted very patiently with this issue but, as usual, we've been screwed. All of our suggestions have been ignored. Loose coalitions formed between enviros and workers have been sabotaged. Laws have been being broken or by passed. Abitibi-Price has coerced its workers into a frenzy about losing their jobs, and government is predicably anti-Earth. The time for talk and discussion is over. If the situation has come down to a jobs-vs.-forests issue, then so be it.

The Pine Falls mill produces 100% virgin Boreal Forest newsprint. We will contact all of the customers of the mill and inform them of the grave injustice being brought upon the Nopiming Forest. There is one newsprint made from 100% old papers.

In the winter of 1992, the student newspaper at the University of Manitoba switched from Abitibi-Price paper to a 100% recycled newsprint. That company is FSC Paper Company, Alsip, Illinios 60658, USA; phone (708) 389-8529, fax (708) 389-8237.

There are also several newspapers in the US that use Abitibi-Price paper from Pine Falls. We will send information kits to EF!s near these papers. With help from EF! locals we will pressure these people to change their newsprint source.

The Pine Falls Mill does not need to exist. Those 500 jobs are not more important than 5,000 people's health and the health of the Nopiming Forest. The sooner we close this mill, the better.

Contact David Nickarz or Hendrik Herfstc, The Defenders of Nopiming, PO Box 644, Winnipeg, Manitoba, R3C 2K3, Canada.

Ed. note: The Earth First! Journal *recently received news of the avialability of hemp/straw-based newsprint in the US. For details, contact Tree-Free Eco Paper, One World Trade Center, 121 SW Salmon, Suite 1100, Portland, OR 97204; phone (800) 775-0225, fax (503) 690-4051.*

Brothers Deny Spiking Charges

Daniel and Michael Carter of Whitefish, Montana pleaded innocent to charges of spiking trees and cutting down billboards during a hearing in Flathead County District Court on July 19.

The activists have each been charged with one felony count of criminal endangerment for tree-spiking and three felony counts of criminal mischief. Potential penalties are 10 years in prison and a $50,000 fine for each count. Judge Michael Keedy scheduled a hearing for September 21. No date for the trial has been set.

Letters and Support For Jailed Activists

Mark Davis—convicted in an FBI investigation for monkeywrenching a ski lift, currently half way through a 50-month sentence in federal prison. Send letters to Mark Davis, #23106-008, FPC, PO Box 1000, Boron, CA 93516; send money for legal help to Legal Defense Fund, c/o John Riorden, HC 29 Box 424, Prescott, AZ 86301.

James (Rik) Scarce—jailed for contempt of court for refusing to fully cooperate with a federal grand jury investigating Animal Liberation Front activities. Send letters and support to James Richard Scarce, Inmate, Spokane County Jail, 1100 Mallon, Spokane, WA 99260.

Darren Thurston—jailed in an investigation of Animal Liberation Front activities by the government of British Columbia; his trial is scheduled for September 20. Send letters to Darren Thurston, ERC, 9660-104 Ave., Edmonton, Alberta, T5H 4B5, Canada; and send donations for defense, payable to ALFSG-Canada, to: ALFSG, PO Box 75029, Ritchie PO, Edmonton, Alberta, T6E 6K1, Canada.

Peltier Trial Denied

On July 7, 1993, the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals handed down its decision to deny Leonard Peltier a new trial. Once again the court has turned its back on truth and justice and has sided with the government's massive crimes on Indian land. Contact the Leonard Peltier Support Group, PO Box 5464, Tacoma, WA 98415-0464; phone (206) 383-9108.

Taking Back Caledonia from the Shithouse

BY JAKE BURBRIDGE

We the last people on Earth; the last of the free;
Have been sheltered until this day by our very remoteness,
But now the boundary of Britain has been exposed,
Beyond us lies no nation, only rocks and waves and Romans more deadly still, the pirates of this world, who have exhausted the land by plundering and now they ransack the sea,
They create desolation and call it peace,
Let us, the unconquered as we are, ready to fight for freedom,
Prove what warriors Caledonia has been holding in reserve.—Calgacus, 83 AD (Accelerated Destruction)

The remnant forest of Mar Lodge. This forest—if liberated—could become the birthplace for the restoration of Caledonia, an abused and tortured land. Photo by Andy Wightman.

Caledonia is a wounded land whose healing is being denied. You too may have heard of the misty hills and glens, the lochs and endless heather of wild and bonnie Scotland However, the fact is that Scotland was once, like so many parts of the Earth, covered in forests. The great wood of Caledon, whose depths once were home to the wild northern peoples who stopped the advance of Roman imperialism, is now almost totally destroyed.

It is a fact not often remembered that the land grabbing, ecocidal ways used so often by the British empire were first practiced and perfected in the British Isles. Indeed, the process of deforestation and social disintegration that we have so successfully exported to many parts of the world, continues to this day in the overpopulated and deforested British Isles. The strange story of Mar Lodge is one example, involving an American businessman, his wife, the queen and a oversized flock of Red Deer.

Fortunately, this fairytale does end with a happy ending. Mr. Shithouse and his bride got divorced.

The Mar Lodge Estate in the Cairngorm Mountains of Scotland is one of the largest contiguous remnants of boreal Scots pine forest left. The estate covers 310 square kilometers of some of the most important mountainland in the British Isles. It has been identified as one of only two areas in British Isles worthy of United Nations World Heritage status. It includes three of the four highest mountains in the British Isles, part of the largest and most diverse area of sub-arctic plateau, the most permanent snowbeds, the entire headwater catchment of the River Dee. It is one of the most important remnants of the once great Caledonian forest. It should be protected, but (surprise, surprise) it isn't. The problem is that Mar Lodge is currently owned by the American billionaire, John Kluge (hereafter referred to as Mr. Shithouse because of the very close similarity between his surname to a Gaelic word for the small building where people excrete their digested oats) a man who, if the world were just, would not be entrusted with owning a dog.

Mr. Shithouse married a woman whose only interest in climbing was that of the social kind. It was her wish, we are reliably informed, to acquire the mountains and forests of Mar Lodge so she could pop over for afternoon tea with the queen, whose Balmoral estate is to the east. Fortunately, this fairytale does end with a happy ending. Mr. Shithouse and his bride got divorced. Shame! Mr. Shithouse has decided to sell his wedding present and he wants 10 million pounds for it.

A consortium of conservation groups, consisting of the John Muir Trust, the World Wide Fund for Nature and the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, mounted a bid to raise half the asking price. Unfortunately, difficulty with securing funds together with political obstruction has caused the bid to be suspended. Now is the opportunity for the land to be liberated and time is of the essence. The forest on the estate is dying through decades of mismanagement—time is running out.

Although the destruction of the forest has been underway for many centuries, it has been in the last 200 years that most of the damage has been done. In common with many areas of the Highlands of Scotland, Mar Lodge was converted to a hunting estate in the late 18th century. The farming population was forcibly cleared from the land to make room for a Victorian elite hunting ground. Management for hunting has led to an emphasis on maintaining unnaturally high numbers of wild Red Deer, which in turn have suppressed the natural regeneration of the forest. For 200 years there has been no significant regeneration and the few trees that are now left are old Scots Pine. Very few broad-leaved trees remain and the forest looks more like African savannah than boreal forest. The land is severely degraded and the forest is dying.

Land value in Scotland is based upon a system in which hunting estates are valued according to the number of game animals and fish which can be killed per year. The lack of predators (the last wolf was killed in Scotland in 1743), combined with artificial winter feeding and an unwillingness to cull sufficient numbers of hinds, has allowed a huge increase in the Red Deer population. The unnaturally high populations of deer graze on the young trees and the forest cannot regenerate.

To make matters worse the feudal system of land ownership in Britain will almost certainly guarantee that the purchase of the land will be by another rich, absentee landlord committed to hunting. The current situation is allowed to persist at Mar Lodge even though 42% of the land is designated as National Nature Reserve by the government. Landowners can act with impunity.

The National Nature Reserve designation has allowed a limited amount of restoration to take place, but only in small fenced enclosures (where rapid tree regeneration immediately takes place). It is estimated that the ancient pines only have another 50 years of cone-bearing maturity. Even now, with new proposals for the future management of the Cairngorm Mountains roadless area and surrounding land as a whole, the Government is still relying on the "voluntary principle" whereby landowners are not compelled, obliged or required to take any action to protect and restore the environment—they must volunteer. If the Brazilian government were to claim that such a principle would protect the Amazonian rainforests it would probably be criticized as naive and corrupt. Parallels between Scotland and other areas suffering deforestation do not end there. For as much as the battle for Mar Lodge and other areas of remnant Caledonian forest is about ecosystem protection and regeneration, it is also a struggle for land reform and justice for the Scottish people. A powerful resurgence in crofting (traditional agriculture) communities and a demand for reforestation, combined with demands for justice regarding land rights extinguished by the British ruling class, is also emerging. Scrawled on the boarded windows of Derry Lodge, an old house within the Mar Lodge estate, is the message "Kluge! Absolve your conscience, return this land to the Scottish people!"

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THE SOLUTION: REVOLUTIONARY MARKET FORCES

In the tradition of environmental groups using market forces to force change (boycotts, green consumerism etc.) but without the inherent legitimisation of mass market capitalism, Divided Queendom Earth First! is hatching a plan to take back the land of Mar Lodge. The main weapon in our struggle will be the revolutionary market force: harassment. We are going to force Mr. Shithouse to sell the land, and if he won't sell we'll take it back. But first we need your help.

Mr. Shithouse has withdrawn the estate from the market due to adverse publicity and the global recession. He has been lobbied by other Scottish landowners not to sell the land to conservation groups because it would set a dangerous precedent and undermine their assumptions about the freedom of landowners to run hunting estates.

The Caledonian forest is not dying, it is being murdered. And this is the murderer's name and address. Please give Mr. Shithouse a visit and do what you would usually do in a Kluge. Otherwise write him and tell him his shit stinks:

Mr. John Kluge
Albemarle House
Route 6, Box 69
Charlottesville, VA 2290

Otherwise come to Caledonia and help us take back the forests and mountains for the Scots pine, Capercaille, Wolf and Human. Contact Colin McLeod, Caledonian Green Circle, 146 Earl Street, Scotstoun, Glasgow G14 0BP, Scotland, or Jake Burbridge, Divided Queendom Earth First!, Box E, 111 Magdalen Road, Oxford 0X4 1RQ; England; phone +44 865 201706/202706 fax +44 865 201705; e-mail gn:eartharc.

Reforesting Scotland is also a useful contact for more information on reforestation and Scottish forest issues. It publishes an interesting journal and newsletter. Contact Andy Wightman, Reforesting Scotland, 51 Lorne Street, Edinburgh EH6 8QJ, Scotland; phone +44 31 555 4641, fax +44 31 554 1634 e-mail: gn:reforscot

Jake Burbridge is a native of the British Isles. People sometimes refer to him as "Jakey James," which originates from "mickeyjakeyjamesbowbrishh!," an unpleasant nickname thought up by a psychotic fraudster he met in a Sarawakian prison.

Road War Victory

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Wildlife Trust, Royal Society for Nature Conservation and the World Wide Fund for Nature. Everything from conservative mainstream letter-writers to crazy, wild, Earth defenders. Along with this array of national groups, whose combined membership, although mainly inactive, numbers over one million people, was an even more impressive network of local people. Fully 2,500 people signed a "Beat the Bulldozer" pledge and vowed to defend the woods, many of whom had already been using other means for 15 years. Earth First!'s involvement didn't come until late 1991 with the realization that direct action could be necessary. Complex plans for defending the wood had been developed.

The Oxleas decision comes after similar victories against other insane road schemes in Hereford, Hindhead and South Birmingham. The significance of the Oxleas Wood campaign is that, as the hardest fought and most well known battle, its success or failure reflects upon the future of the government's entire £23 billion road building program. Even the most mainstream of political pundits are now predicting that the government's plans to further carve up the country are in jeopardy. A Department of Transport (DoT) source, said about the government, "They're getting out of a very hot political issue; it's a real victory for the campaigners."

The government is now looking at making the ELRC a tunnel that goes under the woods, a plan which the Oxleas Alliance will continue to resist. However, a high ranking Conservative politician commented, "It's not a live duck this century, in my view." A previous statement by a government official arrogantly claimed that badgers would fly before the ELRC through Oxleas was defeated. Flying Badgers have not yet been sighted, although you never know.

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Road Wars

The wood, bought by governmental compulsory purchase order, has now been taken over by the local council and a group of coppicers (who practice traditional low impact forestry to which all English ancient woodlands have become adapted), calling themselves the Oxleas Partnership. Many Earth Firstlers are among them.

The threat of action at Oxleas was strengthened by the reality of resistance in another part of Britain: Twyford Down, where continual actions have successfully opened up a running green sore in the side of the DoT. The official estimated costs to industry of protest activity between October 1992 and March 1993 are £1.75 million ($2.89 million), which many believe to be an underestimate. Oxleas Woods owes much to Twyford Down which many believe had to be lost to teach both sides a lesson. The corporate road builders have learnt about the power of grassroots direct action, as have the corporate environmentalists whose patronizing compromised ways, we hope, will become a thing of the past.

Seven Jailed as Twyford Continues to Rise

The "Twyford Rising" demonstration on 4th July was attended by a record 1,000 people. Protesters occupied the construction site and walked the length of the three-mile scar that was once Twyford Down.

Joining them were 13 people, who openly declared their contempt for a court injunction which seeks to stop 65 known activists from hindering and disrupting construction work. The 13, all of whom are named on the injunction, proudly declared their continuing opposition to the road by being present and by wearing their injunction numbers on television. The government, outraged by this lack of recognition of their dubious authority, immediately started legal proceedings against the 13. On the night of 19th July, agents from Brays detective agency, employed to spy on activists by the DoT, attempted to serve high court summonses on injunction breakers. On 23rd July, three women and 4 men were jailed 28 days for contempt of court.

"I cannot consent to the willful annihilation of such an immense swathe of our heritage by an ephemeral government. To have ceased protesting in the face of this desecration would have meant giving that consent."
—Emma Must

Please write letters of support to:
Rebecca Lush, prisoner #TV3515; Emma Must, #TV3511; and Tessa Fothergill #TV3516 at HM Prison Holloway, Parkhurst Rd, London N7 0NN, England. Simon Fairlie #NX0666; Philip Prichard #NX0668; Jason Torrance #NX0669; and Robert Bear #NX0667 at HM Prison Pentonville, Caledonian Rd, London, N78TT England.

BOYCOTT ECOVER

Take Action Against the Abuse of Activists

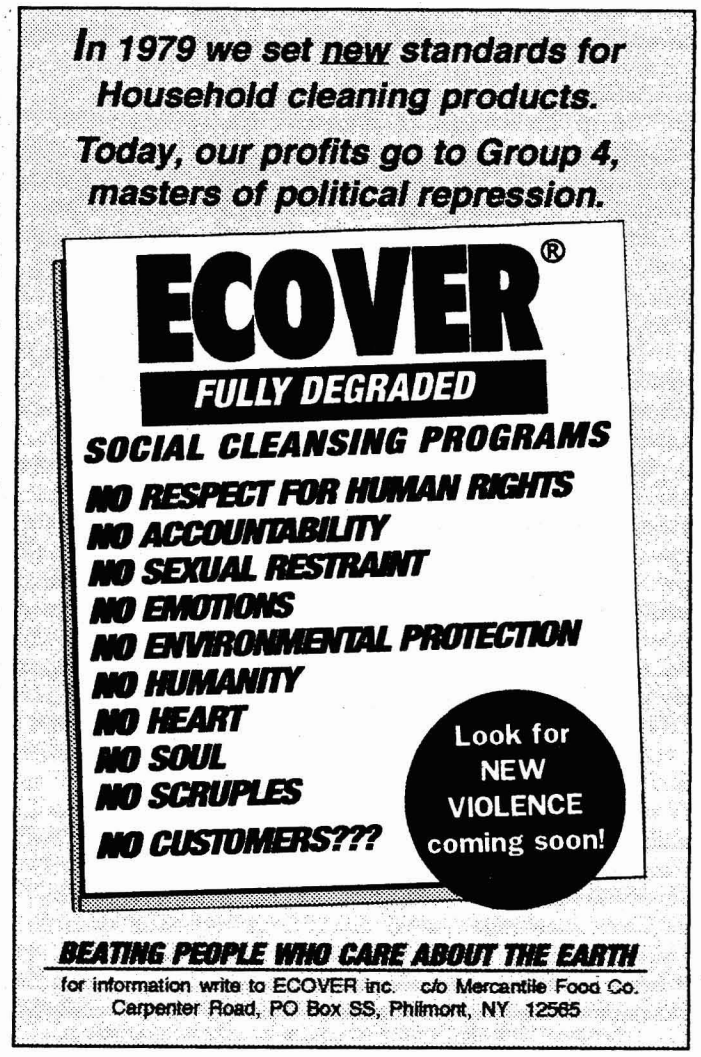
BY JAKE BURBRIDGE

Ecover, the "eco-friendly" household cleaning products line, is not so green anymore. They have been bought by Group 4, a very unfriendly company altogether. Here's why:

On December 9, 1992, protesters living in the path of the construction of the M3 Motorway at Twyford Down, England, were subjected to hours of physical abuse by Group 4 security guards. The activists were kicked in the kidneys, throttled, punched, dragged through thorn bushes by their hair, neck, ankles and wrists. Some of the women were sexually assaulted. Two people were held behind machinery and seriously beaten for a period of four hours. On other occasions they have thrown activists from earth diggers, breaking their ribs, and broken peoples' noses. One woman after being punched in the face had her face stomped on. The violence is disgusting and shows no signs of stopping.

Group 4, the private company being used to replace the British state prison system, is now being employed by all eco-destructive companies facing direct action. They bug our homes and are known to be developing anti-Earth First! security programs. Group 4 staff are often psychotic army rejects and thugs unable to find employment elsewhere who, once given a uniform that makes them unidentifiable, are given a free hand to beat up earth defenders whilst the complicit police force does nothing.

Earlier this year Group 4 purchased a 49.5% stake in Ecover. Products are sold to franchise companies all over the world by the Ecover parent company based in Belgium. In response, British environmental groups, including Earth First! and the Green Party, launched a boycott of Ecover earlier this year. Ecover sales dropped by 10% in one week. Robin Bines, their distributor in Britain, has ended a thirteen-year association with them. Inspired by such successes a boycott is being launched in North America.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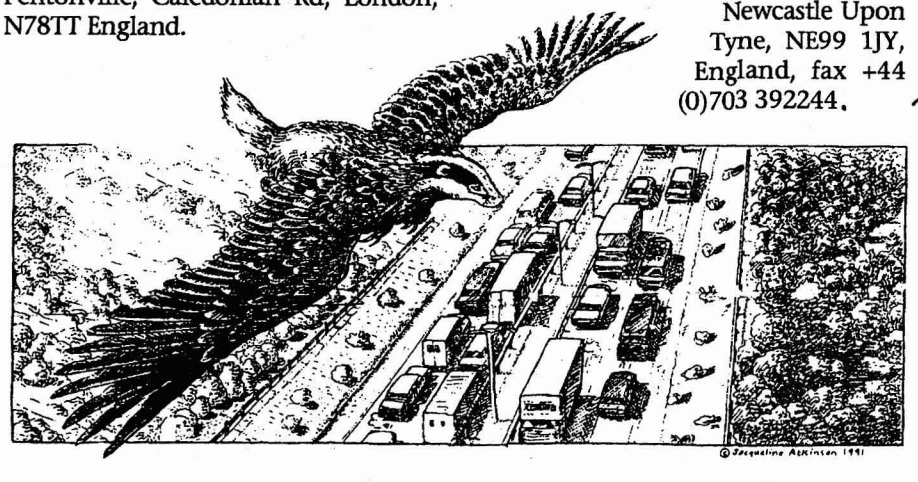
The Emergence of the Flower Pot Tribe

Protest has been raging since mid-May against the destruction of one of the most beautiful parts of Newcastle—Jesmond Dene. The Cradlewell bypass, being constructed by the local council, will destroy 170 trees and much wildlife habitat. In response, the 'Flower Pot Tribe', a collection of nomadic Earth defenders and locals committed to defending Jesmond Dene, has emerged.

Four action camps and tree sits at three separate sites have been started for the growing numbers of people that are gathering to resist this Earth rape. The injunctions are beginning to fly as the protests and numbers of arrests increase. Drunken council workers have attacked camp members and scaffold poles have been thrown up at tree sitters. The sitters are known to be comfortable, but tree sitting is not a very advanced art in Britain (due to the depressing lack of forests). So please fax or express mail all detailed tree sitting diagrams, explanations and anecdotes to: The Flowerpot Tribe, PO Box 1JY, Newcastle Upon Tyne, NE99 1JY, England, fax +44 (0)703 392244.



Over the Bridge to Skye?

Margaret Thatcher's dreams for the transport system in Britain were to have a private road tunnel from southern Britain to France and a toll bridge to the Scottish island of Skye. The tunnel is nearing completion and the construction of the bridge to Skye has just started with serious implications for the resident Eurasian Otter population, its habitat and local human communities.

Located off the northern west coast of Scotland, as part of the Inner Hebrides, the island of Skye is a place of legend and incredible natural beauty. Much of the human population still speak Gaelic as their first tongue and the surrounding sea is rich in aquatic life including large populations of Seals, Otters, Dolphins and Orcas. The area is also a haven for many types of sea birds. At the nearest point to the mainland, a ferry service runs. On a clear day, Skye's jagged Cuillin mountains can be seen.

The British government (considered a colonial power by many in the area) and industry are plotting to exploit the region, demanding greater transport infrastructure development. The hard rock of the Outer Hebridean Islands of Lewis and Uist may soon be mined by super quarries and oil exploration is under way. So the small ferry service, whose toll subsidises other community transport, is going to be replaced by a massive bridge. The two local communities of Kyleakin and Kyle of Lochalsh are dependent upon the ferry for income.

The contractors are a Scottish and German partnership, Miller/Dywidag, with financial backing from the Bank of America. The bridge will be built across two islands, Eileen Dubh and Eilean Ban, whose resident Otter populations were immortalised by British novelist Gavin Maxwell. The Otters will be killed in the process of construction and the rest of the marine ecosystem has already suffered because of dynamite blasting on the sea bed.

The Otter is listed as vulnerable by the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN) and supposedly enjoys strict protection under the UK Wildlife and Countryside Act, the EEC Habitats Directive, and the Bern Convention. In May, the IUCN called for the Skye Bridge Project to be halted and recommended that officials in Scotland acknowledge the international significance of the Scottish Otter population. On 2nd June, thirty Earth Firstlers halted the construction work and recommended that officials in Scotland live wild or die. Yet again, protesters were physically attacked by construction workers who then attacked the media. Not surprisingly, the media reports were all favourable.

Help us save the Otters by visiting or writing: Richard Morrison, Senior Vice President, The Bank of America, Box 37000, San Francisco, CA 94137.

For more information contact: Skye Environmental Action, c/o Skye Environmental Centre, Broadford, Isle of Skye, IV49 9AQ, Scotland.

Jake Burbridge and Jason Torrance are a pair of curly blonde boys from England's south coast. They'd be surfers if only it wasn't so cold and polluted. Since writing this article, Jason has been sentenced to 28 days in prison for his part in the Twyford Rising Demonstration. Jake is still relatively free..

Hydro Quebec Fears Cree Activists

BY WINONA LADUKE

Quebec Crees, Greenpeace and a number of environmental and religious organizations lambasted Hydro Quebec this spring for expanding and re-arming the governmental corporation's private police force. They cited a recently leaked Hydro Quebec document which outlines a plan for "advanced investigatory powers" to protect the corporation's interest from opponents. Native people and organizations have filed a complaint with the Quebec Human Rights Commission that the governmental corporation violated the Canadian Charter of Rights.

The report, entitled "evolution of Security and Business Plan for the Sureté 1991-4, Horizon 1996," brings to light the provincial corporation's plan to expand and restructure its security branch by creating a police force specializing in intelligence gathering and combating terrorism. Fully 188 security personnel would have special investigatory powers and focus on "terrorism." This proposal was particularly disturbing to the Cree and other opponents of Hydro Quebec's James Bay II Mega Project. The report singled out Natives as a force to be reckoned with and a group capable of using violence in the pursuit of its goals. Hydro Quebec officials explained the report was drafted after the Mohawk-Quebec Oka crisis, when "fears of sabotage were very high."

The Cree countered that in the almost two decades they have opposed Hydro Quebec's projects, they have exclusively resorted to legal and peaceful methods, and therefore they found the Hydro Quebec proposal to be an affront to Cree dignity. Cree representative Romeo Saganash calls the proposal "a threat to the development and the preservation of the right of the Cree to voice their positions in the province of Quebec." Environmentalists and Crees wondered aloud why consumers should pay for a special anti-terrorism private police force as a part of their electric bill.

At stake is much of northern Quebec, a land where Innu, Inuit and Cree have lived thousands of years. For only two decades has there been either electricity or a single Hydro-electric official. James Bay Phase I has already flooded 4,425 square miles of land. The project, the size of Connecticut, is comprised of nine dams, 206 dikes, five major reservoirs, and a diversion of four rivers, all without an environmental assessment prior to construction. Phase II would consist of 21 dams and 200 dikes. It promises the diversion of four more rivers. Underwater would be an area the size of Lake Erie.

This sequel is on the rocks, so to speak. Pressure and litigation from environmentalists and Natives has not only caused the cancellation of the largest contract, the New York Power Authority to the tune of $21 billion, but forced an environmental review of the project. We can't afford to rest on those proverbial laurels, however, since a Canadian environmental review has never before been binding.

The northeastern US sill gets plenty of power from Cree rivers. The Commonwealth of Massachusetts alone consumes 40% of the electricity generated at James Bay, an amount equivalent to 6-10% of the total electricity generated statewide. And another New York Power Authority contract for 800 megawatts is still on the books, used as leverage for new financing, although the contract can be canceled until 1994 without any penalty to the state.

Hydro Quebec is understandably very insecure about any opposition to the dams, evidenced not only by the proposed expansion of their force, but by a recent set of forays into New England universities. Hydro Quebec "observers" attended the New England Environmental Conference and environmental gatherings at Brown University and elsewhere. The company's presence, however, does not seem to be enough to turn the tide against divestment. In mid-April, Tufts University freed itself of Hydro Quebec stock; this $2 million deal was orchestrated by student environmental activists.

There is a great deal of money to be made, and Hydro Quebec's interests are not isolated on the free-trade frontier between the US and Canada. The United States, after all, is the single largest energy consumer in the world and uses more than a third of the world's electrical energy capacity. For years, Canada has serviced the US consumer market, particularly with natural resources, and more recently with electricity. So, while much of the American environmental movement has focused on the evils of Hydro Quebec, there are other dams and communities similarly at risk.

MANITOBA'S WATERY MESS

Take for instance the case of Manitoba Hydro. In the early 1970s, a series of seven dams were put into place on the Nelson and Churchill River systems. They now spin out 2,600 megawatts of power. Another 11 generating stations are proposed, which would produce an additional 6,000 megawatts. The Churchill and Nelson River systems drain one of the largest watersheds in North America, extending from the Rockies in the west to the northern boundary of the Mississippi and Lake Superior drainages. The Churchill and Nelson Rivers ultimately flow into Hudson Bay, the larger body into which James Bay flows. One control dam at Missi Falls on the Churchill River illustrates the intent. The dam cut the flow from an average of 1,050 cubic meters per second to an average of 150 meters per second, and turned all the water back into South Indian Lake.

A major resulting problem is siltation. The Manitoba Hydro dams are situated on permafrost, a layer of subsoil that remains permanently frozen even in summer. Dr. Robert Newbury of the Winnipeg-based Freshwater Institute notes, "What made the venture most critical was that it was the first large river diversion and lake impoundment in widespread permafrost. When the project was planned, the implications of that were suspected but unproved." The development has inadvertently been an ecological experiment. Since the temperature of the water always exceeds the temperature of the soil, the water causes the shoreline to constantly melt away. The annual rate of shoreline retreat, as is aptly called, is presently 40-50 meters. According to the Freshwater Institute, it may be 80 years or more before shoreline retreat subsides.

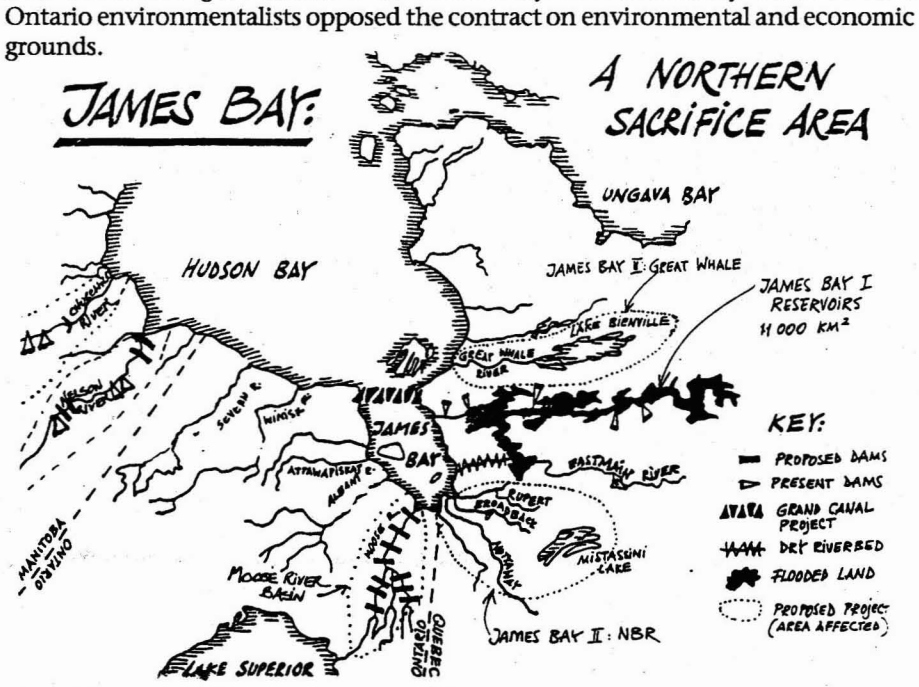
Siltation chokes the reservoirs. It causes widespread mercury contamination and the destruction of wildlife. Northern moose hunters tell a story of two hunters in a boat scanning the shore of South Indian Lake for moose. After much searching they finally happened upon one—a moose sinking up to its neck in silt.

Such anecdotal testimony to shoreline retreat is evidence for ecological damage which the Freshwater Institute says has caused over 98% of the waterfowl to disappear from the region and one out of every six people on the Nelson River to suffer from mercury contamination. The impact has been widespread economic and social disruption. Two decades ago, 75% of the food and the majority of local income came from the land. Today that is impossible. Very little comes from the land, and people are forced to buy food at prices which are often ten times that in the south.

At the Cree village of Moose Lake, for instance, two-thirds of the land base was flooded and 634 people were moved into a housing project. After the flooding, 90% of the adults were estimated to have substance abuse problems. Explains Jim Tobacco of the Moose Lake band, "There is a very hostile attitude in the community. Our young people are always beating each other up. My people don't know who the hell they are. They live month to month on welfare. Our way of life and resources have been destroyed. We were promised benefits from the Hydro Project. Today, we are poor and Manitoba Hydro is rich."

Elsewhere, there are suicides, epidemics, flooded communities. "There's just a feeling they're being exploited, they're being used," says Allan Ross, Chief of Norway House, another flooded community. His small village had 15 suicide attempts a month during the 1980s. At Cross Lake, 20 suicide attempts occurred per month during an eight-month period—ten times the provincial average. Manitoba government officials are quick to point to the recent "compensation package" worth tens of millions to these northern villages, but in the face of a near doubling of hydroelectric capacity in the North, many Natives have come to wonder if there is such a thing as just compensation for a way of life.

From Newfoundland to British Columbia, hydroelectric dams devastate salmon, rivers, remote communities, and cultures—and more are planned. A good portion of that power is designated for American markets. The single largest out-of-province export contract held by Manitoba Hydro, for instance, is with Northern States Power. This utility hails from US Energy Secretary Hazel O'Leary's old home turf in Minnesota. A larger contract with Ontario Hydro was recently canceled after Ontario environmentalists opposed the contract on environmental and economic grounds.



FREE TRADE = ENVIRONMENTAL DISASTER

Aside from dollars and megawatts, there is also a great deal of pride and ego involved. Quebec has coupled much of its provincial identity with its provincial utility. Hydro Quebec is called by some the sacred cow of Quebec politics. To many within the province, to be anti-hydro is to be anti-Quebec.

In the meantime, Premier Bourassa has pinned much of his province's future on the massive project, and a dream of ostensible aluminum and magnesium smelter heaven. In terms of environmental disaster, Quebec's development plan rivals only that of a World Bank debt-ridden country like Venezuela—with whom Quebec is locked in a debauched bidding war to promise huge multinationals the lowest possible electrical prices in the world, in order to secure the metals industry's investments.

The US-Canada Free Trade Agreement compounds the boon for American utilities, but not for the North American environment. The Free Trade Agreement guarantees Canada (and possibly soon Mexico) access to that infinite US market, in return for US access to their relatively abundant and so-called underdeveloped reserves, while prohibiting government interventions that hinder that process. As Shelly Battram and Renier Lock write in an *Energy Law Journal* article, "For Canada, achieving assured access to US markets, free of 'energy policy' interventions or protectionist distortions and for the US, the ability to procure Canadian energy supplies on a long-term, reliable basis, free of 'energy policy and nationalistic interventions in time of perceived shortage,' is paramount."

The North American Free Trade Agreement accentuates the unequal trade. Articles 603 and 604 virtually eliminate Canada's and Mexico's ability to control the price or flow of energy exports on the basis of resource conservation, environmental protection, or interest of their citizens.

IT'S UP TO US

What appears obvious is the amount of work left to do, and the need for the continued efforts of coalitions of grassroots activists, Native people and environmental groups. Hydro Quebec wouldn't be so interested in an intelligence gathering police force if environmental activists and Crees weren't so successful in their opposition. In mid-April Native leaders in the US and Canada took out a full-page New York Times advertisement. Bobby Kennedy and Matthew Coon Come of the Crees held a New York press conference. These events once again sent the company reeling, hoping their stock rating wouldn't drop further. Hydro Quebec is praying that the poor and unknown, the Crees and the Bobby Kennedys, won't make New York cancel that 800-megawatt contract. I, for one, hope we do.

Winona LaDuke is an Anishinabeg writer, community organizer, and Greenpeace board member. Her two children live half-time on James Bay, where their grandfather's territory is threatened by Hydro Quebec.

Olympics Compete with Stone Mountain

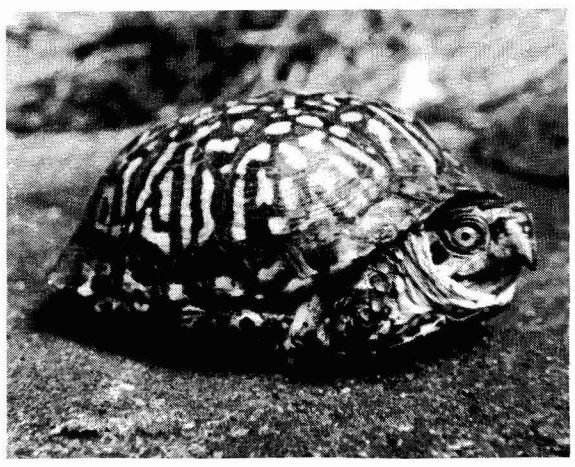
Canada Goose (Branta canadensis). This species has drastically declined recently in Stone Mountain Park.

BY LARRY WINSLETT

Ed. note: Stone Mountain Park, just east of Atlanta, Georgia, has been chosen as the site for several events of the 1996 Olympic Games. Additionally, excessive tourism and several other construction projects, including an incline railway, threaten to destroy this unique treasure. This article updates previous reports in the Lughnasadh 1992 *and* Eostar 1993 *issues of the Journal.)*

The April board meeting of the Stone Mountain Memorial Association (SMMA) personified the new low in relations between park officials and the public. For the fourth consecutive month the meeting had been moved to an undisclosed location and the public had to hunt the SMMA down. Like all of the agency's meetings, it was held at the inconvenient time of 4 pm on Monday. It is becoming clearly evident that citizens' input, or even our presence, is no longer appreciated.

The board also displayed a belief that any anti-Olympics movement would evaporate under a crush of Olympics euphoria as the '96 Games draw closer. For the record—we are not an anti-Olympics movement.



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Why the change in attitude? Most likely because the Georgia Environmental Protection division has verified that the SMMA must conduct Environmental Assessments and Environmental Effects Reports (EER) as described by the Georgia Environmental Policy Act (GEPA).

At the April meeting a very brief outline of GEPA requirements was presented by the environmental consultants employed by the SMMA to conduct the studies. However, although the public can bear witness to the spreading of bullshit, we are not allowed to speak at these proceedings.

GEPA is a new and untested law. It's main thrust is full public disclosure of any environmental impacts of state projects. This includes state-funded projects and those on state land. Both apply to Stone Mountain. If the state agency in charge of the proposed project, in this case the SMMA, determines it may have an adverse impact then they must prepare a more in-depth EER. Here you may notice a problem with this law—the SMMA will decide if its own projects have an adverse effect. Such a piecemeal approach will never take an overall view of the degradation caused to the parks, forests, animals, plants, or historic and archaeological sites by construction projects. Nor will the secondary Olympics impacts and additional recreational stresses be taken into account.

In April, Park Director Larry Allen also asked the board for an immediate go-ahead on as many projects as money would allow. This is a clear violation of GEPA since no EERs have been completed yet.

The May meeting brought more of the same. The park director repeated his request to speed up development. He made no mention of the status of Environmental Reports. The SMMA also announced it would begin evaluating the credentials of designers and contractors wishing to build the incline railway on June 9.

On June 5 the most blatant example to date of disrespect for the law became known. Bulldozing, tree cutting, drilling and various surveying activities have already taken place at the proposed Olympics tennis facility site. The EER for this area remains in the draft stage only and will probably not be completed before September. The site preparation appears to be a procedural violation of GEPA.

On June 8 survey flags and stakes were found near a population of the Rock Aster *(Aster avitus-C1)*, a federal candidate for listing under the Endangered Species Act. Drainage alterations near rock outcrops where this plant grows are likely all that is needed to drastically affect it.

Disturbing information was recently given to the Friends of Stone Mountain Park that someone, possibly park employees, may be killing wildlife in the park after hours. While this is unconfirmed as of press time, a second source has reported hearing gunfire followed by the sounds of panicked geese or ducks. It is apparent that the populations of some wildlife have drastically decreased in recent months, especially Canadian Geese. If this information proves true, it's disgusting, immoral, and illegal.

Work still remains to be done assessing wetlands. The park has applied for a general permit from the Corps of Engineers. The park has been fined previously for destroying wetlands; it doesn't seem they are taking them any more seriously this time around.

My personal belief that the native flora and fauna of Stone Mountain should not be compromised is stronger than ever. Nor should the mountain itself by sacrificed for any damned Incline Railway.

Those wishing to keep informed on the status of environmental reports at the park should write to Robert Cowhig, Director of Planning and Development, Stone Mountain Memorial Assoc., PO Box 778, Stone Mountain, GA 30086. Ask to be placed on the mailing list for announcements of availability of review documents relating to GEPA.

You can also write to Larry Winslett, Rt. #3 Box 3044, Hartwell, GA 30643 to place your name on the mailing list for Friends of Stone Mountain Park. Protecting the natural inhabitants of Stone Mountain will require our persistence and on-site monitoring, and your letters pressuring these merchants of destruction will aid us in our fight.

Larry Winslett is a free-lance nature photographer, botanist, and general trouble maker.

Park management's view of Nature.

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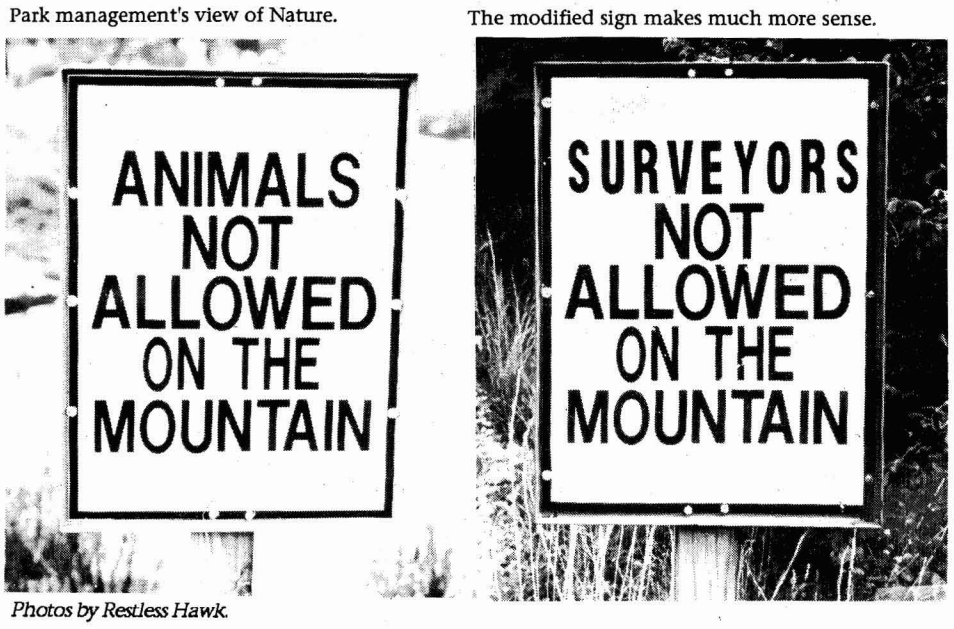

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GOOD NEWS!

The Clinton Adminstration will not appeal the court decision that will bring US federal actions overseas into compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The decision will have broad implications for the future of the environment overseas. Among the most immediate effects may be the withdrawal of US involvement in construction of the Three Gorges Dam in China, which on completion could cause the extinction of the Chinese River Dolphin.

GOOD NEWS!

The US Navy has announced it will cease using Sea Lion Rock in the proposed Olympic Rock Sanctuary in Washington, for "aerial target practice."

This News Item is from The Washington Post 7-11-93

Vandals Bury Bulldozer

■ Vandals entered a Prince William County construction site Friday night, dug a large hole with two backhoe-type machines, then buried a $130,000 bulldozer, county police said.

The vandals also played "bumper cars" with other machinery at the site of the realignment of Davis Ford Road, about midway between Manassas and Woodbridge, police said.

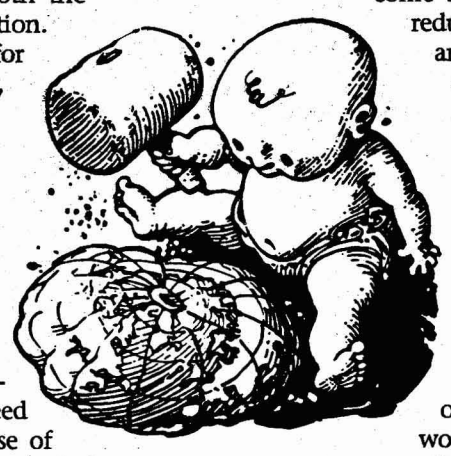
The key used to start such machinery is fairly common, police said. They said that the bulldozer probably cannot be repaired, but that it will have to be dug up and removed.

Overpopulation and Bumpersticker Politics

BY KELPIE WILSON

Slogans have a surprising amount of power; take "Earth First!" for example. And bumpersticker politics is always bound to offend someone. Ever since the "Malthus Was Right" bumpersticker appeared, there have been people who have objected that overpopulation is an exceedingly complex issue and can in no way be reduced to a slogan like "Malthus Was Right." It is not necessary to take that slogan as an absolute (jeez, it's just a bumpersticker!). I believe it was devised to stimulate thought and discussion in a society that has been pro-natal, patriarchal and unwilling to accept natural limits for 6,000 years.

Malthus was actually the first known thinker in the history of western civilization to challenge the idea of unlimited growth in both the economy and in human population. He was motivated by a concern for the problem of human misery, though his proposed solution, to starve the poor, was both morally reprehensible *and* totally ineffective in reducing the birth rate. (Malthus opposed birth control like all religious moralists of his time. He was certainly wrong about that!)



Conversely, William Godwin, Karl Marx and other social revolutionaries pointed to human greed and capitalism as the root cause of social injustice and misery. That school of thought, if it concerns itself with overpopulation at all, views it as a mere symptom of a larger problem of capitalism. But a large part of Marxist solution was increased industrialism and management of the Earth for the good of all *people*. From a deep ecologist's point of view, this is as morally reprehensible as deliberately starving people and also ineffective in solving the problem of justice (more goods translates into more greed, not better distribution).

Native American author, Ward Churchill, offers the example of indigenous people who generally have more egalitarian social relations that operate by consensus. Indigenous people also know that they have to hold their numbers below the level which causes serious ecological disequilibrium. As Churchill says, "population, not production, is the actual issue before us."

But civilization was built on the destabilization of traditional tribal cultures, turning women into baby factories and men into slaves. It has been the same process from its beginnings in Mesopotamia and the Nile, to the imperialism of the nineteenth century, and finally to the global corporate rampage of today. Rather than separate the problems of greed and overpopulation and turn one into a symptom of the other, we have to see both as different aspects of the same sickness.

The solution is to bring about both economic justice and population reduction at the same time. Some examples of societies that are attempting this are: China, Cuba, the Indian state of Kerala, and some experimental communities in Costa Rica All have programs that combine a guaranteed level of subsistence with family planning and health care.

Most population activists today are fully aware that dropping condoms from an airplane is not going to be enough. But, in contrast, the much touted "demographic transition" which has brought birth rates down in the "first world" through increased "standard of living" (read: consumption) came at the expense of the colonization and subjugation of the "third world." The destabilization brought about by colonization was the factor that tipped the balance, bringing about the modern explosive population growth in countries like India.

I say that colonization tipped the balance because population pressure itself has always existed and has been highly significant in the development of agricultural civilizations like India's. Paleontologists have concluded that it was possible for nomadic, stone-age people to obtain a high protein diet with less than four hours of work per day. Agriculture, on the other hand, requires constant work for a nutritionally inferior, grain-based diet. Why would any humans settle for such a life unless population pressure had depleted the wild game, or unless all territories had already been occupied so that the only way to support more people was to resort to agriculture?

It is no coincidence that large scale agriculture didn't begin until the human species had spread all across the globe, occupying every available niche. Once humans stopped gathering and began agricultural production, they stepped out of natural balance with the ecosystem. This introduced a totally new kind of thinking. Whereas gatherer-hunters had to adjust their numbers to what the Earth would freely yield, agriculturalists could produce more food by putting more people to work. Additional workers came from larger families and from captured slaves. With agriculture, the twin possibilities of greed and overpopulation were born at once.

The fact is that even if people had wanted to come back into balance with nature by reducing their numbers, this was never an easy thing to do. According to anthropologist Marvin Harris, stone-age women like the !Kung Bushmen were able to naturally suppress ovulation by prolonged nursing in combination with their high protein, low fat diet. But whenever times were not good and the diet tended towards more starches and less protein (as under agriculture) women would develop a higher percentage of fat in their bodies, and ovulation would resume.

Under these conditions, the only options were abortion and infanticide. (Harris states that the existence of herbal contraceptives is mainly a folk mythology.) Primitive abortion techniques were very brutal and dangerous to women. Many women died and still die today from drinking poisons or inserting sticks into the uterus. Infanticide was the safest option for women, but to be most effective in controlling population, female infanticide was preferential. And so societies developed in which women were less valuable than men.

To see overpopulation merely as a symptom of a larger problem is also to ignore the problem of human fertility control as a determinant of just social systems. Let's look at India again. India has been cited as an example of a society that had its numbers under control before colonialism, but how was this accomplished? The answer is, mainly through the devaluation of women. Female infanticide, bride burning, and the starvation and mistreatment of female children all reduced the number of breeding females and kept population stable.

Is there anyone who would describe this system as socially just? Colonialism curtailed these practices at the same time that it introduced other destabilizing factors that tipped the balance toward population explosion in India. One thing that colonialism and development did not change, though, was the status of women. A woman's only route to status remained the production of male children.

Greed and fertility control must be considered as a whole. There will be some kind of population control because there are limits to the Earth; Malthus was absolutely right about that. The real issue is what kind—will it be patriarchal and devalue women, or will it be just? Modern contraceptives and abortion, though not without pain, avoid the more traumatic and unjust necessities of infanticide and devaluation of women. The social justice approach to population control must include justice for women and the widespread availability of modern contraceptives and abortion. This approach is the most effective and will finally lead us back into balance with the Earth.

"Love Your Mother, Don't Become One" is another bumpersticker that some find offensive, but it need not be viewed as an attack on mothers, but rather as an affirmation that one very good way of loving the Earth is the conscious choice not to breed. For years I've wanted to see a "non-mothers" or "non-breeders" day established to honor those who would forgo the pleasures and ego-satisfactions of parenting. Face it, in most cultures you are looked upon as very weird if you have no children. If you are a woman, your very femininity is called into question.

I've also thought of starting an "Artemis Society" to honor childless women. Artemis was the "virgin" or childless Goddess who was the guardian of the animals. The Ladakh and Tibetan cultures honored childless women. Many of them became celibate Buddhist nuns which helped keep the population stable. I might add that the women who did have families often took several husbands! Lucky for us, we have modern methods that let us enjoy heterosexual relations without reproduction. Les U. Knight of the Voluntary Human Extinction Movement has a "Meritorious Service Award" for "not adding another human to the existing billions." Write him for this attractive certificate to display on your wall.

I don't mean to say that children themselves are not valuable. Kids are usually more wild and more fun than adults. Since I've settled down and become more of a bioregional rather than nomadic activist, I've had more exposure to kids and it is definitely enriching. I've also come into a comfortable relationship with many parents who can appreciate my strong position on overpopulation, while I appreciate their work raising new little environmentalists. I am against pro-natalism, not against kids.

Pro-natalism is that cultural attitude that automatically praises birth and parenthood, no matter what the circumstances. This ingrained attitude shows up everywhere, even in the *EF! Journal*. Greg Gordon in his article "Malthus Was Wrong" (Beltane, 1993 issue) made a statement with pro-natalist overtones: "There is nothing more wild, more natural and more sacred than giving birth." I cannot accept this absolutist statement. Maybe he didn't mean it as such. If not, then surely he would agree with me that choosing NOT to give birth is behavior that is just as wild and sacred! And that equally wild and sacred is the tribe in western Australia which ate every tenth infant that was born to them. One more bumpersticker is appropriate: "Feeling Crowded? Eat Your Young."

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NOT A BONOBO!

Congratulations to Karen & Dean and Sarah Campbell Wood.
Sarah finally gave up the safety of the womb on July 15 in her home in Fall Creek, OR.
Welcome! Sorry about the mess.

Option 9:
THE FINAL SOLUTION

Administration Capitulates to Timber Industry

The Clinton administration's much-ballyhooed solution to the deforestation of federal lands was announced last month, confirming activists' worst doubts about the plan since the Portland timber conference in April. Specifics include: no protected ancient forest reserves, logging and roading in roadless areas, cutting levels higher than even the Forest Service nazi scientists proposed in their eight alternatives, "salvage" logging of forests burned by arson fires started by loggers, and massive logging on forests east of the Cascades.

Since the Clinton logging plan will violate a number of environmental laws such as the Endangered Species Act, National Environmental Policy Act, and National Forest Management Act, the administration at first proposed gutting these laws by using sufficiency language. This language would exempt the planned logging activities from the existing environmental laws. But the administration has now backed off from this public line; instead they plan to let certain legislators such as Tom Foley and Mark Hatfield do the gutting this fall in Congress and will quietly go along. By attaching exemption language to totally unrelated funding bills these agents of the logging industry have for years been able to provide for massive government deforestation without any environmental restraint.

Deforestation, wildlands, destruction, extinction – it's all negotiable, like another trade agreement.

In the first few days after the administration's plan was leaked to the public, environmental groups denounced it for the sham that it is. The timber lobby, because they had won, was at first silent. However, realizing along with the administration that silence might result in concessions for more protection, they began kicking their PR machine into high gear. This way Clinton could use the predictable tactic of claiming the middle ground against the perceived extremes. The intense disinformation campaign waged by the timber industry since the release of the new forest plan has been successful in achieving this end. Democratic members of the northwest congressional delegation are trying to reinforce the portrayal of the environmental opposition to the forest plan as unreasonable. They are probing for support within some environmental organizations in order to further weaken opposition.

Expect this anthropocentric dance that passes for government to continue into crunch time this fall when appropriation bills are passed.

Because the Forest Service is still under injunction and barred from selling ancient forest ecosystems inhabited by spotted owls to their buddies in the timber industry the new forest plan must be submitted to Judge William Dwyer for a ruling on its legality. Two years ago in a landmark decision, Judge Dwyer halted further timber sales in spotted owl habitat because of a continuing pattern of criminal disregard for the law by the Forest Service. The plan was submitted by the judge's deadline of July 16.

By the time you read this, the government will probably have announced its public comment period, since the Clinton administration wants to put timber sales under injunction on the fast track to fulfill Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt's promises to the timber tycoons. If Judge Dwyer gives the okay, the Clinton administration wants to be back in business selling ancient forests to industry by winter.

Another part of the Clinton plan is the establishment of experimentation zones called "adaptive management areas." Get this: local logging communities will decide how to "manage" these supposedly public lands. These sacrifice areas are adaptive for all the other species living there: it's adapt or die. This gee-whiz concept, euphemistically called "ecosystem management" is being promoted by a southern Oregon "enviro" group called Headwaters in conjunction with the timber industry.

Head(up the ass)waters has consistently undercut attempts to protect ancient forests over the past year since being co-opted by timber industry money and influence. Led by self-proclaimed environmentalist Jack Shipley and the Croman Logging Co., this group now tries to pass itself off as a forest protection group. At the same time, it is planning timber sales in conjunction with the Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management to enrich its timber industry patrons. Shipley believes that with the new Forest Service "ecosystem management" we can even log roadless areas. In Headwaters, the Clinton administration and Pacific Northwest congressmen have found a perfect pawn, and a rationale for not protecting any ancient forests. This is possibly the first example of an environmental group being subverted by the wise-use movement.

There are some interesting parallels in all this with what came down during the late 1970s and ultimately led to the formation of the Earth First! movement in 1980. Then, as now, a democratic administration came into office with promises of a renewed environmental commitment, the usual empty campaign rhetoric. Carter appointed environmental professionals to high offices. Hopes for meaningful change ran high. Then came the disastrous Roadless Area Review and Evaluations I and II, when almost all public land was given over as community sacrifice zones. The administration then went looking for willing collaborators in the environmental elite and found them, deal-makers more interested in access then in defending the earth. At the same time, although it was being ignored, the local grassroots environmental movement was taking off in a big way.

From the beginning, the Clinton administration has moved down the same track, looking for compromise as a way to solve the ancient forest issue. Deforestation, wildlands destruction, extinction—it's all negotiable, like another trade agreement. To them, the problems are not corporate exploitation or governmental abuse, but the court injunctions and environmental laws. Instead of trying to come to grips with the problem of an ecosystem undergoing meltdown and taking steps to reverse the accelerating decline, we are treated with media events and political expediency to satisfy campaign contributors.

While all this is remarkably similar to what happened a decade and more ago (except there is a lot less wild forest now) the role of collaborators in extinction has changed. The big environmental groups have been affected by the rising tide of the grassroots, and have become more resolute in their stand, while a few locals have become total boot-lickers to the timber barons. As happened two years ago with the Tongass Timber Reform Act, and attempted Montana Wilderness Bill last year, more and more lately, a few self-appointed feel-good enviros have undercut efforts for strong protection. They've been dealing away the forest, the rivers, the salmon so the rape 'n' run boys wouldn't yell at them. Dealing away what is not theirs to give.

Starting back in 1983 Earth First! made the destruction of the ancient forest a national issue. If this forest plan is rammed through we will be at a crossroads when the snow begins to melt in the spring. It is time to reevaluate old tactics and strategies and consider new ones.

Only the last remnants of the great northwestern rainforests remain, and it is quite likely that the only thing standing between the chainsaws and the trees will be our bodies.

These places must be defended by any means necessary.

MINNESOTA FOREST ALERT

Four years after a citizens' petition was brought before the Minnesota Environmental Quality Board (MEQB), the MEQB finally prepared the draft generic environmental impact statement (GEIS) on logging and forest management in state-owned forests. The only problem is that the GEIS suggests Minnesota's forests could sustain double the current logging rate, in spite of the huge environmental impacts on biodiversity and general forest health.

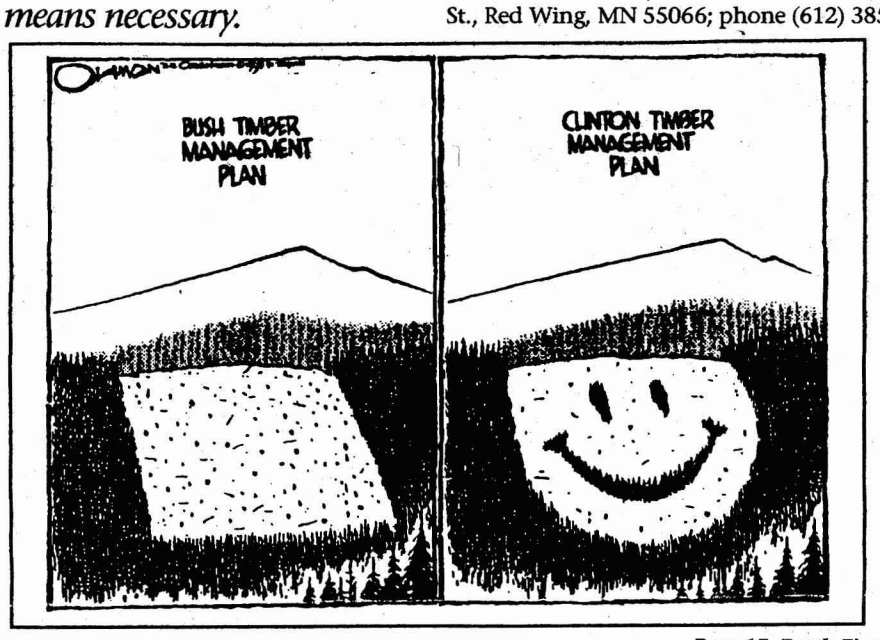
Among the many problems with the GEIS is the fact that the document was prepared by multinational forestry consulting firm Jaakko Poyry Consulting, Inc. The citizens of Minnesota have been virtually shut out of the process because of restricted access to the necessary information, limited media exposure and lies from industry representatives. So what else is new? It's business as usual in America's forests.

A few facts: soil debilitation is occurring at a high rate, by 1995 the rate of logging is scheduled to be double that of 1980, 90% of the logging would be by clearcutting, and more than half of Minnesota's forest dependent bird species would be affected.

Written comments are being accepted by the MEQB through September 13, 1993. All you have to do is write the MEQB and tell them that the "GEIS Study on Timber Harvesting and Forest Management in Minnesota" should be scrapped in favor of a plan that favors biodiversity and forest health over logging interests. To submit comments, or to get copies of the GEIS and associated information, contact Dr. Michael A. Kilgore, GEIS Project Manager, Environmental Quality Board, 300 Centennial Office Bldg., 658 Cedar St., St. Paul, MN 55155; phone (612) 297-2607.

Feel free also to contact Dr. James McNutt, Executive Vice President and Project Mismanager, Jaakko Poyry Consulting, Inc, 560 White Plains Rd., Tarrytown, NY 10591 (914) 442-4000. If you have any information on Jaakko Poyry's connections to other companies, please contact Minnesota Wild! at the address or phone below.

For more information on the GEIS or Minnesota's state and national forests, contact Minnesota Wild! at 742 Potter St., Red Wing, MN 55066; phone (612) 385-0848.



Of Mountains, Moose, and Maine

At the conclusion of the Oregon Rendezvous, enroute to Idaho's Cove/Mallard area, a delegation of forest "critters and spirits" stopped off to hold Pendleton's first Earth First! demo. The delegation issued Jeff Blackwood, Umatilla Forest Supervisor, its Decision Notice and Preferred Alternative (alternative EF!) which reads as follows:

DECISION NOTICE
AND
FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

THE BLUE MOUNTAINS FOREST COUNCIL

An ecosystem of forest (EF!) is available for Forest Service personnel and human public review in the few remaining natural forest lands of the Blue Mountains of Eastern Oregon and Washington. This EF! [statement] documents the cumulative impacts analysis conducted by a multi-species team to determine the potential eco-logical effects connected to a proposed salvage removal, diverse native species reforestation, road removal, return of natural fires, and wildlife and fisheries habitat improvement.

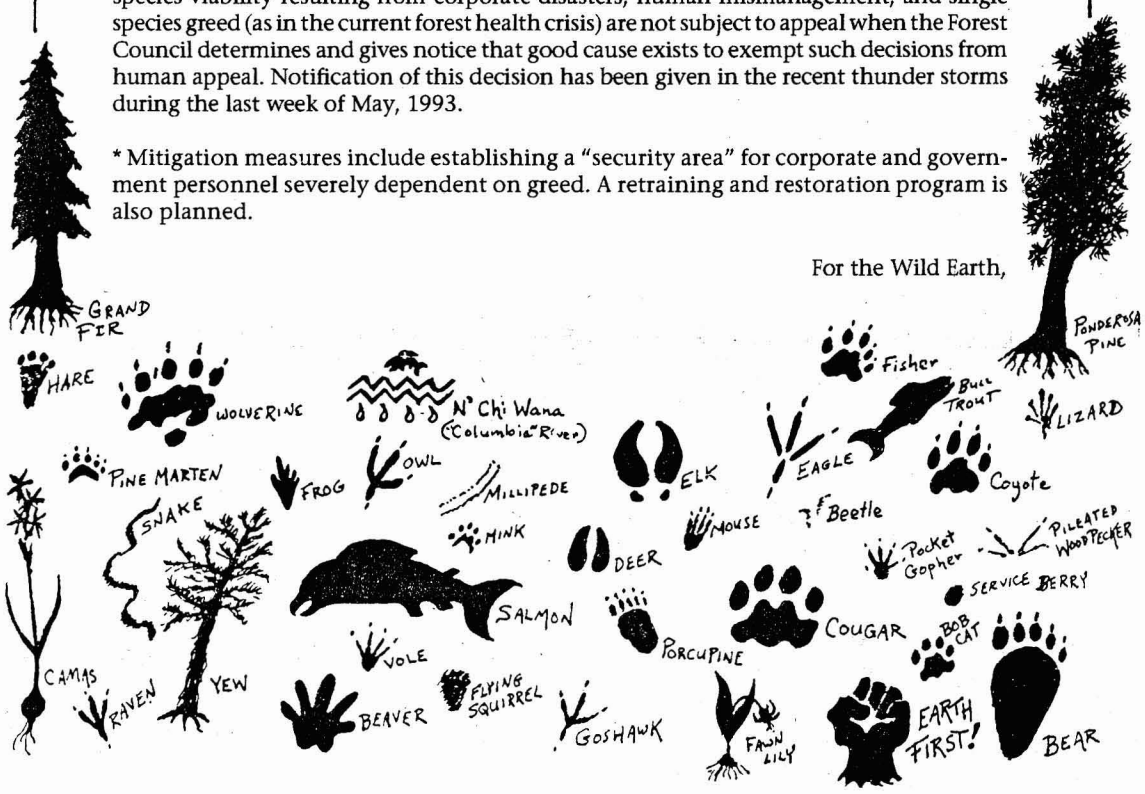
The Forest Council proposes the salvage removal of governing human institutions from a dead and dying corporate society severely infested with greed. The actions are needed to reverse the ecological crisis currently faced by many species, reduce corporate and government offices to reduce the risk of moderate to high intensity natural habitat and water quality destruction, remedy unsustainable human consumption, and begin the restoration of a viable ecological balance to the human society.

These actions, with modifications*, are consistent with the Forest Council Land and Human Management Plan. We have determined that these actions are not a major Earth action, individually or cumulatively, and will not adversely affect human species viability. Therefore a written EIS, in addition to the ample evidence of the forests themselves, is not required. This project will be implemented spontaneously to facilitate forest rehabilitation and recovery in the Blue Mountains and to return ecological viability to a dead and dying human society.

This decision is exempt from appeal pursuant toMSR/Ex (Multiple Species Retailation/ Extinction). Decisions related to the rehabilitation of natural forest lands and recovery of species viability resulting from corporate disasters, human mismanagement, and single species greed (as in the current forest health crisis) are not subject to appeal when the Forest Council determines and gives notice that good cause exists to exempt such decisions from human appeal. Notification of this decision has been given in the recent thunder storms during the last week of May, 1993.

* Mitigation measures include establishing a "security area" for corporate and government personnel severely dependent on greed. A retraining and restoration program is also planned.

For the Wild Earth,



As some of the crew went inside, others staged a "Watson" style action, hanging banners off the hill in full view of southeast Pendleton and I-84. Blackwood was in (contrary to what his receptionist claimed) and spoke to the critters in his office. He had no defense for his devastating "salvage" logging sales and claimed his hands were tied by funding directions from Congress. Of course he *could* do something—he could blow the whistle on the entire "salvage" logging hoax! This demo was just a mild warning of actions to come if current logging plans are not abandoned and replaced by restoration and ecosystem protection. So while you're out there—in Idaho, the Northwest, or elsewhere fighting for the Earth—keep an ear to the winds for a wild howling call from the Blue Mountains of eastern Oregon. If the Blues are to become the next forest ecosystem under siege—we may soon need you on the front lines of resistance.

To get involved, contact the Blue Mountains Forest Council, HCR 82, Fossil, OR 97830.

Dioxin Update

BY SOLON EF!

Earth First!ers in Maine have prevented the paper industry from getting the state to raise allowable dioxin discharge levels by 38 times.

Maine's Board of Environmental Protection (BEP) held hearings last fall on the proposal. This came at a time when paper industry sluts are bragging about the "success" of their efforts to clean up their effluent contributions to aquatic life downstream.

The plan came right from the paper industry, through the governor, with the support of the commissioner of Environmental Destruction. The governor appoints member of the BEP, and the governor's brother is a paper industry lobbyist in Washington, DC.

In spite of the importance of these hearings, the pros and cons would have been debated privately if not for the presence of Earth First! With the press alerted, we managed to give the circus atmosphere a public face. In a roomful of big-brain types we convinced everyone that the whole event stunk. After unloading goodly quantities of an unspeakable stink agent, everyone agreed and headed for the exits. So it was that the front page of every Maine daily newspaper told the story of the stinking deal that the governor wanted dumped in the rivers.

In March the BEP decision was due. Public opinion had mounted against the scam so the sleaze were in need of a different angle. The recommendation: wait until the federal Environmental Protection Agency decides to set levels. It was meant to appear that strict interim standards would prevail. Again Earth First! vigilance smelled something foul. Again we refused to allow this to occur unchallenged, forcing more public hearings, attended by a strong band of non-compromising, whistle-blowing Earth First!ers.

If there is a place for dioxin, it's up the ass of every tree-killing pulp-pig CEO, not in river and marine ecosystems. We were ultimately able to convince one board member that life in the rivers couldn't wait for federal bureaucrats to act on its behalf.

Instead of raising the allowable level of dioxin as it had proposed, Maine accepted the federal standards. This continues the status quo by multinational scum who dump more than a hundred organochlorines, including dioxin, into rivers and eventually coastal waters. The policy is currently being challenged in court by the logging industry. Maine's chief toxicologist resigned in protest shortly after this policy was adopted.

The up side is that the dialogue over chlorine-free pulping has begun, with participation even by those sworn to protect the paper industry. And the local paper agreed with Earth First!'s position although they "don't agree with [our] tactics." We think we gave some attention to the point that dioxin contamination isn't acceptable because it makes river fish inedible or disrupts the so-called harvest of marine fish. Our species must honor other species through respect and harmony, realizing that jobs, health risk assessments and profits are meaningless to us wild ones.

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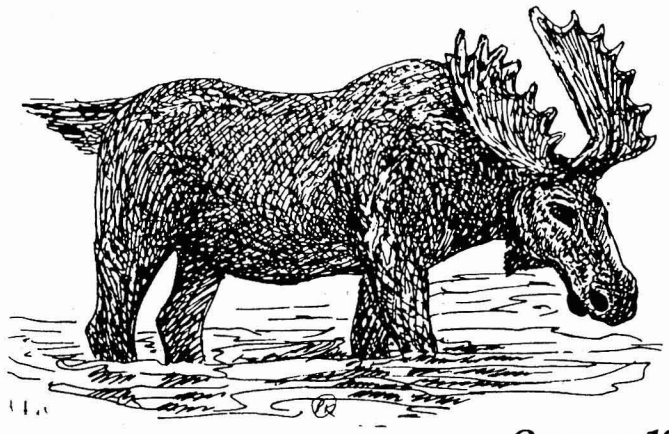


OCTOBER, 1992

There are tears falling out of her eyes. She is looking at the painting of a moose on her calendar... *"Detail: Bull Moose, wi1ldlife preserves endangered,"* and wants to keep at it, the weeping, for the cold woods where this curlish beast thrashes through underbrush. It is not that the woods would offer solace today, or tonight, when the cold shut down, cracking branches as they moaned in the dark. It is the quiet she might like. The way her mind might empty in the frozen air after hours of walking. She would continue then, only the pattern of her breath a reassurance of the self manacled to time and family.

There was a fire in my building today. Flames sucked air out over the sidewalk not six feet from where I stood, in my living room. The room I had, until that moment, hated. In the street later, people talked about what they had taken with them when they fled. It was a hard decision. I took my make-up and the cat. I don't wear make-up and the cat is a visitor I hate. Now my tarot cards, my photographs and leather coat all smell like the burning household goods of the fat boy who lived next door. The boy who called *me* fatso, who hissed at my friends and was still angry with his parents for having abandoned him to an institution, years ago. I know this because the landlord told me. He told me on the sidewalk, after the fire. He thinks "retarded people," like elephants and my mother, never forget an insult.

The woman, dropping tears from her eye, wondered what would happen now. It's 1992. She knew that in 1871, Chicago was destroyed by fire, then the skyscraper was invented. This was a small fire, comparably, but then, there is the problem of the Moose. She is beginning to think there is no place to hide.

BY ROBIN STARBUCK

Robin Starbuck is a failed shepherdess but a great artist, residing in the cooler climates between the Atlantic and the Pacific.

Termite Terror

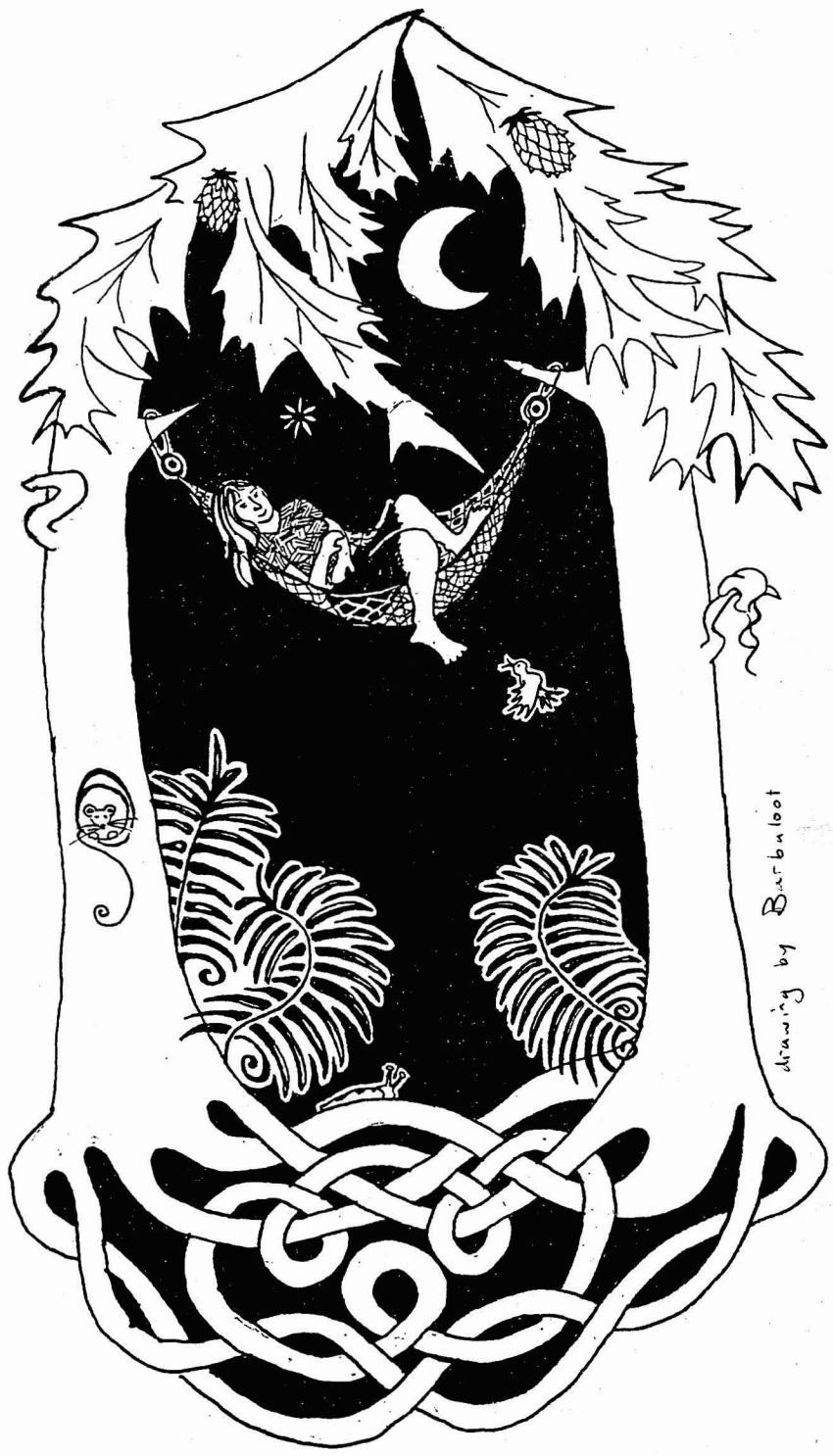
Alternative News Network

• Indonesian researchers say termites that can tunnel through concrete and metal as well as wood, are devouring buildings in the country at a cost of $145 million a year.

Stop Destroying Native Lands.

Corporate Scum Get the Fuck Out!!

A Message Brought to You By Terra Prima! Victoria



Brazil of the North: Deforestation in BC

British Columbia (BC), the westernmost province in Canada, contains 50% of North America's remaining temperate rainforest, and contains more wildlife species than any other province in Canada. BC has been dubbed "Brazil of the North" by international media, and with good reason. The rate of logging in BC has increased traumatically: the volume of wood cut in 1990 was 3 times the volume cut in 1960. According to the Federal Government of Canada: "The annual area logged is approximately 1000 sq. mi/year in B.C....At this rate, in 16 years all the commercial coastal old-growth will be gone, except the minuscule amount that is protected in parks." And as of 1990, the number of jobs per volume cut in BC had fallen to half of what it was in 1960.

The main difference between Brazil and BC is that in Brazil, the destruction of the rainforests is fueled by poverty and population pressure, while in BC the cause of deforestation is the greed of the multinationals and their shareholders. The largest single shareholder of MacMillan Bloedel is the BC government itself.

Not surprisingly, the provincial and federal governments do not recognize the inherent jurisdiction of the First Nations. The BC Forest Service controls all "Crown" forests. Crown forests are forests that are supposedly managed for the residents of BC by the BC government. As already mentioned, many of these so-called "Crown" forests are in fact lands stolen from native peoples by the federal and provincial governments. Nevertheless, the BC government continues to assume jurisdiction over most of the province and has so far done an excellent job of handing out cutting and roadbuilding rights to the multinational companies, giving them permission to destroy native lands and increasing corporate control of the wilderness.

BC has been divided into 67 major management units: 32 Tree Farm Licenses (TFLs) and 35 Timber Supply Areas (TSAs). TFLs are 25-year contracts; basically, the company rents the forest from the government. The difference between TFLs and TSAs is that companies plan forestry in TFLs (monitored by the BC Forest Service), while the Forest Service plans forestry in TSAs. In both cases, the companies are supposed to be limited by an Annual Allowable Cut (AAC), which is set by BC's Chief Forester. Companies are supposed to show their detailed plans and proposed AACs for TFLs every five years in Management and Working Plans (MWPs), which are supposed to be subject to public input. Theoretically, a cutting or roadbuilding permit cannot be issued unless the MWP has been approved by the Forest Service.

Multinational logging companies and the government frequently ignore the regulations. For example, permits were issued to Fletcher Challenge to cut the Walbran in the summer of 1991 even though their MWP had expired and no new AAC had been set. MacMillan Bloedel was recently fined for logging in an area of Clayoquot Sound where they were not supposed to be cutting.

Two companies, MacMillan Bloedel/Noranda and Fletcher Challenge Canada, control the rights to cut more than 21% of the annual cut set by the Forest Service. Others on the Top Ten hit list (from third largest to tenth largest): the Canfor Group, West Fraser, Weldwood of Canada LTD, Doman Group, Westar Group, Slocan Forest Products, International Forest Products, and CP Forest.

Currently many contentious areas are being studied by a government body called CORE (Comission on Resources and Environment [or Co-opted Racist Environmentalists depending on who you talk to]). This process proports to bring all interested sectors together at round tables to discuss land use issues. CORE has no legitimate decision making power: most of the land they talk about is not even within colonial jurisdiction, and CORE is only capable of making recommendations, and has no legislative powers. By sapping the power of environmental groups and by encouraging them to legitimize this colonial process, CORE has managed to accomplish its purpose: to stop people from uniting to take on the multinationals...

BRITISH COLUMBIA IS STOLEN LAND: ECOCIDE AS GENOCIDE

Most of what is called British Columbia (BC), the westernmost province of Canada, is land beyond the treaty frontier, ie. land never ceded to the provincial or federal governments by treaty. According to Canadian and international law, without a treaty, the federal and provincial governments of Canada and BC have no jurisdiction over the land, because it is still under the inherent jurisdiction of the indigenous peoples who were the original inhabitants. The BC government has consistently ignored the law and stolen the land from the native peoples, renting it to greedy multinational companies who have proceeded to destroy much of the wilderness.

Environmental issues in BC cannot be discussed without the understanding that this land is still sovereign native land, and that the BC and Canadian governments are colonialist governments who have usurped jurisdiction over much of the land. All too often, environmentalists have ignored this fundamental issue of native sovereignty and acted in recognition of colonial governments. Non-indigenous eco-activists who wish to break out of the racist patterns of the environmental movement must demand that colonial governments stop appropriating jurisdiction over unceded lands, and must take action to support native peoples' resistance of ecocide and genocide.

DAMS & WATER DIVERSION PLANS THREATEN RIVERS

info from articles in "Brazil of the North", "BCEN Report May 1993", and press release by Simpc Nation Support Alliance

Damming Wild Rivers: The Columbian River Treaty and BC Hydro

In the 1960s the British Columbian government entered into the Columbia River Treaty with the United States. According to the terms of the treaty, BC was required to construct several dams, flooding prime wildlife habitats and farmland and destroying indigenous peoples' ways of life. For the US, the agreement provided massive water storage on the upper Columbia River. The treaty isn't coming up for renegotiation until 2024.

Over 50% of power produced in BC is for existing pulp mills. Although the rate of overcutting in BC is severe, more pulp mills are planned—and more pulp mills means additional demand for electricity. BC Hydro's development plan calls for the construction of a $3.5 billion Site C dam on the Peace River despite years of public protest against this project. Also specified in BC Hydro's development plans are megaprojects on the Thompson River (in the southern interior), the Stikine River, and the Liard River (both in the north). A $20 billion five-dam project has already been designed for the Stikine.

The BC government recently appointed the BC Energy Council to develop an "energy plan" for the province. The first task for the Council is to develop guidelines for exporting energy. According to the BC Energy Coalition, the Council's interim report focuses on the market for exporting electricity to the US and how BC Hydro can grab a share of that market.

Not content with destroying BC's rivers, BC Hydro is now looking for a contract on China's proposed hydroelectric dam, The Three Gorges. This proposed $30 billion ecological disaster would be built on the Yangtze River. The proposed megaproject would: displace 1.2 million people and jeopardize the livelihoods of the other 74 million people who live along the river; flood massive areas and cause tremendous erosion, sedimentation, and deforestation; threaten already endangered species; and decimate fish populations already depleted by pollution, dammed tributaries, and overfishing. BC Hydro was part of a Canadian consortium that conducted a feasibility study for the dam; although BC Hydro International's President Stan Ridley states that "BC Hydro is presently not involved with this project", BC Premier Mike Harcourt recently endorsed their involvement and believes they will be given a contract by China's government.

Kemano II

Forty years, the Cheslatta people were forcibly relocated so that Alcan could build the first stage of their Kemano hydroelectric project. Alcan stole the traditional homelands, homes, and freedom of the Cheslatta; as if that were not enough, Alcan is now beginning the second phase of the Kemano project: Kemano II, Alcan's monstrous $1.2 billion scheme to dam the Nechako. A parliamentary committee recently announced that the exemption of an environmental assessment for Kemano II by the Federal Cabinet was illegal.

The Cheslatta band are fighting Alcan, and support for the Cheslatta is growing. For more information, contact the Cheslatta Band, Box 909, Burns Lake, V0J 1E0; (604) 694-3334/fax (604) 694-3632. (There is also an excellent article on Kemano in the Litha Journal)

NAWAPA Water Diversion Scheme

Thirty years ago, the North American Water and Power Alliance (NAWAPA) was concocted by a group of entrepreneurs looking for a way to make a large profit from the North's rich network of rivers that sustained indigenous peoples for thousands of years. Not content to destroy the natural bounty of the rivers through overfishing, logging, and other resource exploitation, NAWAPA planned to force wild Canadian and Alaskan waters through a series of dams, reservoirs, and canals, to water golf courses and fields in the arid southwestern US.

For many years, NAWAPA's billion-dollar price tag and seemingly outlandish scale kept the plan from being seen as a threat to wild rivers. But recent droughts and Free Trade Agreement (FTA) negotiations have reinvoked the nightmarish mega-project. Since the FTA does not specifically exclude water, water is considered a commodity. And as droughts and global warming increase the economic value of this commodity, developers of NAWAPA rub their hands in glee at the prospect of tremendous financial gain.

Since the FTA overrides existing environmental laws, opponents of NAWAPA are justifiably concerned that passage of the scheme will devastate the wild rivers of Alaska and Western Canada. NAWAPA's scope is astounding. According to Loretta Griffin of the *Earth Island Journal*, "At least 19 Canadian rivers would be diverted through the Canadian Rocky Mountain, turning a 500 mile long valley into a water reservoir capable of storing 400 million acre-feet of water. Dams 800 to 1700 feet high would plug British Columbia's mountain ravines and million-horsepower pumps would push the Susitna, Copper, Tanana and upper Yukon rivers backwards to reach these reservoirs. In the US, water from Alaska and Canada would be impounded in Flathead Lake, Montana and Lake Mead, Arizona." (Fall 1991 issue)

Across the north, the framework for the entire diversion project is being laid, dam by dam. So far 12 dams have been given the go-ahead. NAWAPA is hoping that with the framework in place, there will be a minimum of public outcry.

NAWAPA's Northern Thompson Water Diversion Project

KVA Resources (a US firm) has teamed up with Multinational Resources Inc. (a Canadian-based corporation) to force a substantial portion of the North Thompson River's water into the Columbia River drainage, for the benefit of California's agriculture industry. The plan to export one million acre feet of North Thompson water a year is supposedly "designed to have a maximum positive impact on the environment". The North Thompson, which joins the South Thompson at Kamloops and then flows into the Fraser at Lytton, supports abundant wildlife, fish, vegetation, and various human activities. The North Thompson is a traditional source of physical and spiritual sustenance for the Shuswap people.

Neither KVA nor Multinational Resources Inc. has formally applied for permits yet, but in a letter to Provincial Environment Minister John Cashore, dated March 17 1992, William Klancey of Multinational asks the government for "an indication that the government would seriously consider allowing this project to go ahead...". KVA has spent $500,000 (US) on feasibility studies so far, and plans to spend an additional $5 million on engineering and impact assessment studies over the next two years.

Resistance to NAWAPA in North Thompson River Region

Opposition to NAWAPA is growing quickly in the North Thompson River region of BC. The Alliance Against Water Diversion, a coalition including groups as diverse as the United Church and Traditionalists from the Shuswap Nation, has formed to save the North Thompson and stop NAWAPA from becoming a reality. The first step is to convince people that as ridiculous as NAWAPA sounds, it poses a very real threat to western ecosystems. The second step is to build enough opposition across North America to stop NAWAPA. Construction for the Thompson diversion could begin as soon as 1994; according to a KVA spokesperson, "(the timing) depends on the opposition."

To support the battle to keep the rivers of Northwest Canada and US free and wild, please write or call the **Alliance Against Water Diversion, General Delivery, Pinantan Lakes, BC, Canada, V0E 3E0; (604) 573-4581**.

"SIMPC Nation stands with 'zero tolerance' to Northern Thompson River Water Diversion Project"

press release by Simpc Nation Support Alliance

On Saturday, May 15, 1993 from 9 am to 4 pm, an Information Checkpoint Blockade was conducted at the Northern Thompson River Bridge. This action is in opposition to a proposed ecological holocaust by Water & Power Multinational Incorporated, a company with offices in Vancouver, which plans to export of million acre feet of water annually to California...

The Simpc Nation feels the proposal of the Northern Thompson River Water Diversion Project will irreversibly destroy the ecosystem which they depend on for hunting, fishing, and trapping. The scale of destruction to the Simpc traditional way of life will be threatened in the same manner as the Cree Nation has been from Hydro Quebec's James Bay Projects. Claiming sovereignty over control of rivers in the Shuswap territories means taking a zero-tolerance stand to this project.

The proposed scheme to divert water has been presented to the provincial government in Victoria, which has placed a temporary moratorium on water exports by ocean tankers—but not by means of diverting whole rivers. The scheme calls for the drilling of tunnels and the development of pipe systems, with a merging of these waters into the Columbia River system. Little public outcry has been heard concerning this potential massive environmental devastation. The Simpc Nation Support Alliance in Vancouver fears that water, with Free Trade and NAFTA, is controlled as a commodity by corporations—not people whose lives depend on it for substance.

The Information Checkpoint Blockade was sponsored by:
North Thompson Indian Band: (604) 672-9995
Alliance Against Water Diversion: (604) 672-9525
People Against River Diversion: (604) 672-5652

Statement from
SIMPC NATION SUPPORT ALLIANCE

The Northern Thompson River Water Diversion project and other hydro projects in Canada are an act of genocide towards the subsistence and traditional daily life of Native peoples. The Simpc Nation holds the Thompson River as the sacred bloodline of their people and we as native and non-native supporters, must raise consciousness on the corporate doom-agendas of water and power multi-nationals and support those that have been in resistance to colonization since Columbus invaded these shores.

Members of the SIMPC Nation Support Alliance in Vancouver

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- Article by Mirabelle

idle intolerance

Idle intolerance implies acceptance.
for one to recognize injustice and
remain dormat, suggests tolerance,
in spite of "our own best interests".
People who oppress, do so with the
"best of intentions", that is "our own
best interests": family, position,
social standing, responsibilities.

If something truly shocked, and the
recognition of its injustice truly
appalled, then the only consequence
would be,
could be,
action.

To be appalled, even to the selfish,
would crush until action was the
only unburden.

To unburden dormancy...action.
To recognize intolerance...action.
To intolerate injustice...action.

If something truly shocked you, and
you recognized injustice, and yet
did nothing;
You've assisted in the continuation
of injustice.
You've supported the oppression by
doing nothing.
Your inertia, no matter how well
meaning,
Your intentions are but a green
light

For the madness to carry
onward,
And for our best interests never
to be realized.

- phil black

One of the most important things non-native people can do is educate themselves and others on the history of the oppression and resistance of native peoples. The following document, "Ecocide as Genocide", was signed by nine native nationals of sovereign native states (including Qwa-Ba-Diwa) who have never surrendered their independence by treaty. It was filed in Pemberton Provincial Court June 1, 1992. This document is a potent reminder that environmentalists cannot separate the struggles to liberate the forests and liberate the indigenous peoples of those forests. This is a message many non-indigenous environmentalists, in their racism and ignorance, have ignored

ECOCIDE AS GENOCIDE

1. The ethno-biological continuity of life as our ancestors knew it, is at the point of no return throughout the Pacific North West. The systematic alteration of the ecology in which our autochthonous cultures flourish correspondingly, inevitably and self-evidently entails the systematic destruction of the continuity of our human cultural identity—for the character of our human cultural identity is by definition dependent upon continuity of the bio-cultural identity of our forests.

2. Materialism and spiritualism are not opposing and antagonistic forces in our native culture. Rather, over the eons they have been reconciled in an equilibrium. That equilibrium is maintained by our paramount cultural value: respect. In our culture, the goal is to take from the material world enough to survive not only as physical beings but also as spiritual beings. In contrast, we observe that in the non-native culture surrounding us, enough is not enough. More is better. We observe that materialism and spiritualism are opposing and antagonistic forces in that non-native culture.

3. Our ancestors taught that this was not our business to try and change. Ours was to accept the world basically as we find it and to leave to Mother Nature and to the Creator the education of this rapacious new race of people overrunning our homeland. Our principle of respect meant that it was not up to us to dictate to whites how to live. Instead, our principle of respect led our ancestors to adopting a live-and-let-live survival strategy with the transplanted race of Europeans who came to occupy our country. Respect means coexistence in a relationship of peace and friendship—with all beings and things—and indeed there is no crucial difference between beings and things, for everything that exists is entitled to respect.

4. The Kings and Queens, as the hereditary guardians of England and on behalf of the transplanted race, agreed to conform with our principle of respect. As a matter of law, the respect was to be mutual and universal. The Royal Proclamation of 1763 confirmed for all time that "the several Nations of Tribes of Indians with whom We are connected and who live under our Protection should not be molested or disturbed in the Possession of such Parts of Our Dominions and Territories as not having been ceded to or purchased by Us are reserved to them or any of them as their Hunting Grounds."

5. Today, we observe that in practice the respect paid to this agreed law has not been mutual. We gave our word. The whites gave their writing. We have kept our word. They have broken their writing. In terms of the Proclamation, we have not "molested or disturbed" the whites. But they have both "molested" and "disturbed" us. The crucial point, for legal purposes, is that this breakage was carried out, in practice, by local white governments which did not possess the jurisdiction to repeal or to amend the paramount law enacted by the Imperial government. Thus, the breakage of the paramount law describes the fraud, treason and genocide committed by the legal and political establishment of local government rather than a change in that paramount law.

6. In consequence, the whites and their native collaborators are not so much governing us as attacking us—treating us as squatting trespassers in our own homelands, destroying our forests, killing our people. Under the smoke screen of crimes masquerading as federal and provincial laws, the whites are waging a war of physical and psychological intervention and attrition upon us. Systematically, we have been physically killed, infected with diseases, beaten, imprisoned, threatened and sexually preyed upon. We are psychologically held up to contempt and ridicule, patronized, brainwashed, bribed, corrupted, threatened, and then criminalized for trying to defend ourselves. Their lawyers and politicians, who should uphold the paramount law, are effectively their Generals and their police their Storm Troopers in the unremitting campaign to take everything and leave us nothing. Although it is all illegal, immoral and unjust, nevertheless, the usurpation of our native jurisdiction to govern ourselves as a free people in a free land continues. Today, the white judges are the Commandants of our concentration camps—the reservations onto which we are herded and from which we are forced to watch through the fence of chicanery the invasion, clearcutting, pollution and tortured death of the body of our Mother, the earth, our home and native land.

7. By casting nets across the mouths of our rivers, the ancestors of the whites taught our ancestors they could break the continuity of our salmon runs, and starve us into submission. By having their priests and ministers promise us everlasting life, they grouped us around churches and thereby broke the cyclic patters of our economy. By outlawing our potlatches, they broke the legal, economic, political and social ties that bound our people holistically as nations. By kidnapping our children and beating their native languages out of them in residential and white schools, they brainwashed our culture out of existence. By apprehending our children and giving them to whites, they broke the family unit. By the whites' systematic removal or prohibition of alternative life support economies, native Elders have been made physically dependent for survival upon white social welfare payments and in consequence many live in constant terror that by speaking out against white tyranny, natives in general and themselves, in particular, will be deprived of the necessities of life. By training our children to be contemptuous of the ways of their parents, the white establishment inculcated in our children a mirror image of the whites' sickness of racist ideology, thereby turning native against native, and by this means, perpetuating the genocide to the point where today we stand at the brink of the plunge to the whites' final solution to the problem we constitute for them by our very existence and persistence. Today remains the Indian Act system, with its network of nepotism, sycophancy to bureaucrats, and economic manipulation of a people reduced to abject dependency, that carries on the genocidal tyranny of the white master race—through the medium of the fostered "band" and "reserve" mentality of the privileged class of native collaborators: the Indian Act elected "chiefs" and councillors. Being appointed by these puppets, the paid Indian task force members and constitutional negotiators active in the Canadian constitutional revision process are fifth columns. Thus even the process of reform is prejudiced by the white system's monolithic and omnipresent usurpation of the connective relationships between persons and property—a usurpation that leaves no alternative to survival. Compared to Esson [Judge in the Supreme Court], Harcourt [Premier of BC] and Mulroney [ex-Prime Minister of Canada], Hitler is a crude amateur. White Canada and British Columbia have made a painstakingly "civilized" and refined art of the same end process that the Nazis overzealously hurried.

After studying the plight of the Lubicon Cree, the Human Rights Committee of the United Nations (UN) rightly concluded that effective legal or political redress was not possible within existing Canadian institutions. INCOMINDIOS, an international indigenous advocacy organization, considers Canada "one of the last colonial countries". The agents of the governments of BC and Canada brutally suppress Native peoples acting in self-defense and in defense of their lands; in 1991, Lil'wat nationals were beaten, arrested, and jailed during a blockade to stop International Forest Products' desecration of sacred lands. Despite the repression, native peoples' resistance to ecocide and genocide continues.

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TEN YEARS OF DIRECT ACTION

Grouse Mountain: spiking
Paul Watson and the North Vancouver Garden and Arbour Club claim to have spiked 2000 trees on Grouse Mountain in the early eighties.

Clayoquot Sound
Wah nah jus/Hilth hoois (aka Meares Island): marine blockade, spiking
Wah nah jus/Hilth hoois is the home of the Tla-o-qui-aht and Ahousaht, two of the fourteen tribes of the Nuu-chah-nulth Nation. In Nov. 1984 the Nuu-chah-nulth and Friends of Clayoquot Sound (FOCS) held a marine blockade and stopped MacMillan Bloedel fallers at C'is-a-quis as they tried to land on Meares. Meares is said have 23,000 spikes.
Sulfur Passage: road blockade
In the summer of 1988, 35 people were arrested for blockading BC Forest Products' road building at Sulphur Passage.
Kennedy & Clayoquot Rivers and Tofino & Bulson Creeks: bridge burning, road blockades, hunt sabbing
In 1991 the Kennedy Lake Bridge was burnt. It has since been rebuilt (metal). Six people were arrested during road blockades in September 1991. Between July and December of 1992, 63 people were arrested during blockades at the Clayoquot Arm Bridge. In the late spring of 1993 there was an unsuccessful attempt to burn a bridge (3 men suffered from arsonis interuptis—and were caught & charged). In a spontaneous hunt sab, 6 people seized a bear skin from a trophy hunt guide who was in the middle of leading a group of trophy hunters.

Haida Gwaii/Lyell Island (aka South Moresby): road blockades
The Haida Nation and allies blockaded MacMillan Bloedel in 1986; 72 people, including Haida elders, were arrested.

Tsitika: road blockades, treesitting
Over 20 people were arrested for blockading in the summer of 1990. Eco-freak blockaders were joined by native people.

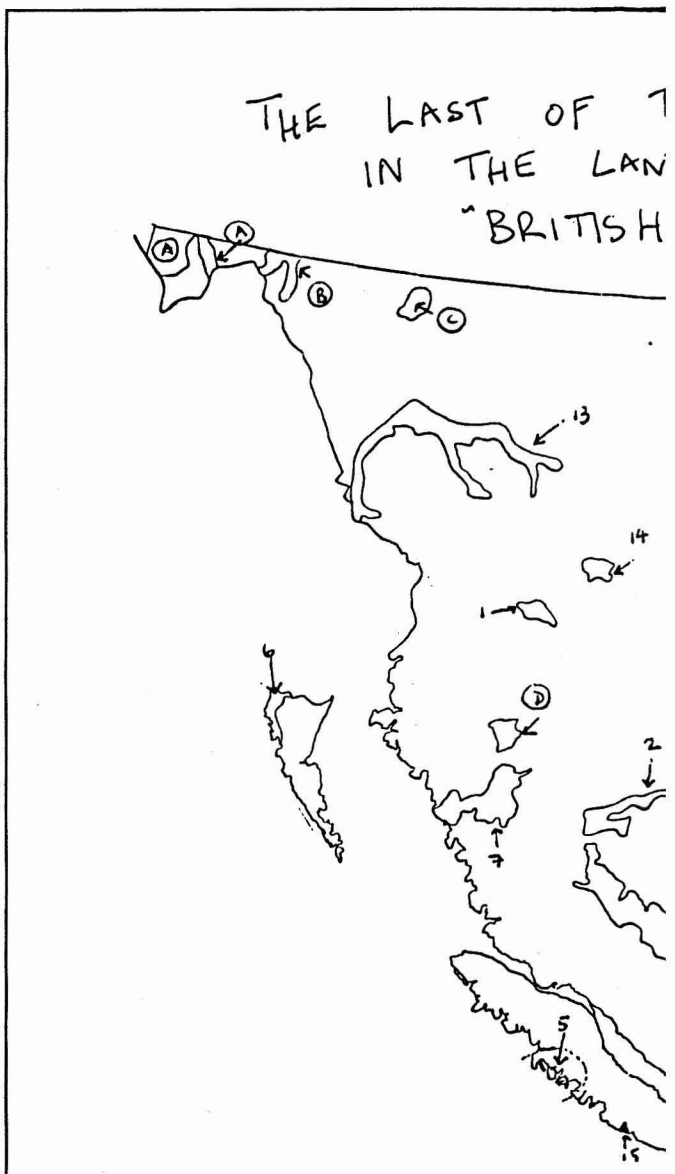
Mt. Currie: road blockades, bridge bombing, monkeywrenching
The Lil'wat People's Movement blockaded International Forest Products (Interfor) at the Duffy Lake Road for four months in 1990 in solidarity with the Mohawks at Oka; on Nov. 6, the RCMP arrested 63 First Nations people, charging them with criminal contempt for ignoring a Supreme Court injunction. Refusing to surrender to a foreign nation's authority, 49 Natives declared themselves prisoners-of-war and spent almost a month behind bars without bail for refusal to give their colonized names or sign a pledge to not set up the blockade again. In Jan. 1991 a blockade was set up at Ure Creek. Interfor was granted an injunction on February 1, and on February 9 the RCMP raided the camp and arrested and beat 11 people. Again, First Nations people remained in custody without bail on charges of obstruction and contempt. Also in 1991, dynamite was stolen from an Interfor site and was used to blow up the bridge accessing Boulder Valley. A tractor was also tampered with. No one claimed responsibility.

Walbran: road blockades, treesitting, sabotage, spiking
Blockades went up in the West and South Walbran in the summer of 1991 and continued for three months. Over 35 people were arrested. In April 1992, MacMillan Bloedel discovered 100 spiked trees in the Central Walbran. In May, several pieces of logging equipment belonging to Fletcher Challenge and a contractor of MacMillan Bloedel were trashed to the tune of $100,000. No-one has claimed responsibility for either action. In the summer of 1992, a blockader spent 30 days in jail for refusing to concede to the colonial courts' jurisdiction in land beyond the treaty frontier.

Hasty & Lasca Creek: road blockades, blocking of culverts
In September 1991, 84 people were arrested in a mass blockade of Slocan Forest Products' attempts to log Hasty Creek, the source of water for Slocan Valley residents. The Lasca Wilderness Direct Action Group blockaded Lasca Creek for several weeks, resulting in 65 arrests. In 1992, road culverts were blocked several times, and in May, cops posing as road workers arrested four people.

Vancouver: road blockades, treesitting
In autumn of 1992, Vancouver Earth First!'s blockade stopped the clearcutting of old-growth in the North Shore mountains, which are part of Vancouver's watersheds. In the summer of 1993, Earth First!ers and other activists are treesitting to protect the University Endowment Lands from condo developers and university expansion.

AND MANY, MANY, MORE.....



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Clayoquot Summer '93

Yes it's happening again, and this time on a much larger scale. Hundreds, perhaps thousands of people from around the world are going this summer to join the blockade in Clayoquot Sound, BC. This is in response to the New Democratic Party (NDP)'s disgraceful decision of April 13 to clear-cut log most of the largest remaining temperate rainforest on Vancouver Island. Several untouched islands and watersheds are going for the chop. Areas that are protected are for the most part not suitable for logging anyway, being rock, bog or marginal forest. Talk of "special management" and "new guidelines" are vague promises that the companies have broken before. Some of the areas to be left as "scenic corridors" have already been clear-cut! It is doubtful that Premier Mike Harcourt ever flew over the Sound before making his decision. What he obviously was thinking about was his government's recent purchase of $50,000,000 worth of shares in MacMillan Bloedel, the company with the most cutting rights in the Sound: making BC's NDP the largest single shareholder. After the Clayoquot decision, of course, stock values began to rise!

It is obvious Harcourt is feeling the heat in the public's reaction, because he just spent $300,000 on a glossy propaganda booklet justifying why he chose to destroy that vital ecosystem, and he se scared too. They put out "the first in a series of ads" in Canada's national newspaper, *The Globe and Mail*. The ad took up two pages and we all know what megabucks that costs. It was also justi Blo's promise to no longer be such a nasty company in Clayoquot Sound. When asked by an environmentalist what the rest of the ads will say, a Mac Blo spokesperson replied: "Well that depen save the Sound will be 'addressed' in future Mac Blo ads. Well, at least we're setting the agenda!

Mac Blo have a disinformation Centre in Tofino, Clayoquot Sound's largest village, and the other company, International Forest Products (Interfor), are opening an office there. Tofino, Opitsaht, up the communities of the Sound. Tofino's main industry is tourism; the other villages are mostly Native (Opitsaht is a Native reserve on Meares Island) and it's their fishing industries that will s Region Tribes of the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council are opposed to the decision. In an April 30 press release the First Nations stated they "will do everything necessary to protect and manage the

If you happen to be going up to Tofino to participate at the peace camp or the blockade, please respect all beings you may encounter: loggers, Natives, environmentalists etc. Apparently there is a training to be taken by all campers. Remember that Clayoquot Sound has international support right now, with campaigns underway in Australia, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Costa Rica, E

Sweden and the US. Boycotts on BC wood products are happening. And don't be intimidated!
- by Raggy Wilks

YES! IN OUR BA

Yes, like the rest of the humin world, Vancouver Island is having problems dealing with its garbage resulting from insane material consumption & the production of useless short-lived commod sight, out of mind. They have proposed to "reclaim" their copper mine in Quatsino by filling the hole 1 1/2 miles long, 3/4 miles wide, 1000 feet deep with trash from the Greater Vancouver Re bility of accepting hazardous, toxic, or international waste. Unsterilized hospital waste may be taken directly to the landfill as well as any household hazardous waste. The garbage will be cover facilities and the worker in the landfill site will sort out hazardous waste (and make cool costumes with it no doubt).

BHP has stated that the runoff water from the dump will be drinkable and when asked by the concerned Quatsino citizens who would monitor the effluent and its effects on Quatsino Sound, Mr.

Another thing that's got the folk of the area perturbed is that all this trash will be the responsibility of BHP and there's nothing to stop this multinational from pulling out of Vancouver Island. T the Sound (an extremely environmentally sensitive waterway) each day. The poor weather contingent plan is to unload containers of trash on the east coast and truck them to the mine by road.

The folk of the north island are asking themselves if they haven't already suffered enough from the BC economy thru logging, fishing, and mining without taking in their garbage. But hey, BHP

The fact remains that BHP minerals has a contract to reclaim the land if the dump is not approved and in 1971 had promised to restore the mine to its original habitat. Returning the land to a nat perhaps any substance too hazardous or toxic could be brought to BHP headquarters or shareholder's meetings since they seem to have such good solutions.

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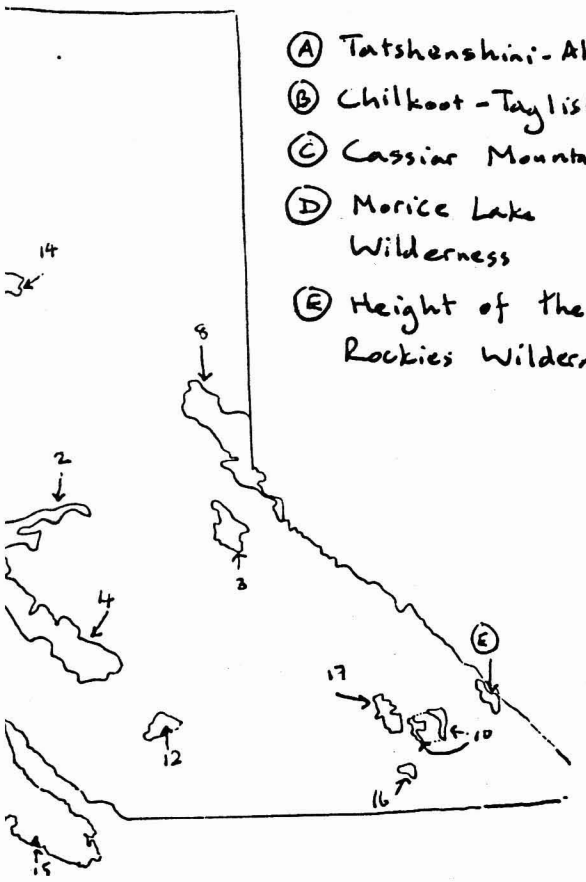

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Hand drawn by Mirabelle

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Industry's Plans for Copper Mine on Tatshenshini Foiled

Much to the relief of activists who have been busting their asses for the last several years to stop the Windy Craggy open-pit copper mine on the Tat, the BC government recently announced that the Tatshenshini-Alsek Rivers would be given protected status, completing the world's largest international preserve. Geddes Mining is now demanding exorbitant amounts of money from the BC government, as "compensation". Geddes officials recently admitted that the contentious nature of the Tat made the company's mining plan a safe investment from the start—either the mine would go ahead, or the Tat would be preserved and the company would make major bucks on the compensation. Yeesh.

You can bet that the Tat's silver-blue glacier bears, grizz, Dall sheep, mountain goats, wolf, moose, gyrfalcons, eagles, salmon, and all other residents care not one whit about Geddes sleazy tactics. Let's just hope the Tat isn't the token "we-protected-something-now-let's-trash-the-rest" morsel to be thrown to the public.

Wilderness Areas Threatened by Industrial Development

info from many sources, including "BCEN Report"s and "BC's Endangered Wilderness"; compiled by Mirabelle

In trying to put together this Blank Wall, I found it hard to believe just how much of the Northwest's remaining wilderness is imminently threatened by industry—mainly forest companies, but also power companies, developers...There is no way to give adequate attention to all of these areas in these four pages, so if your favourite wilderness area isn't covered here—sorry. The following is a really, really brief list of some of the larger roadless wilderness areas (and I've included a few personal faves) that we didn't have room to cover. There are many more.

Babine River Wilderness: 126,000 ha
Located just north of Babine Lake and west of Takla Lake (northwest interior)
Threatened by logging or mining by 1995

Blackwater-Dean: 375,000 ha
Located just north of Chilcotin Wilderness (mid-interior Plateau)
Threatened by mining of logging by 1995

Cariboo Mountains/Blue Lead Creek: Bowron-Wells Gray Connector: 202,000 ha
Located between Bowron and Wells Gray provincial parks; if left undeveloped, will (with Bowron and Wells Gray) be the largest contiguous undeveloped old growth forest ecosystem in Columbia Mountain Range
Home to: grizzly bears, woodland caribou, rainbow trout, sockeye salmon
Threatened by logging and road-building; temporary deferral expires Dec 1993

Chilcotin-Nemiah Wilderness/Chilko Lake: 580,000 ha
Located in western Interior (southwest portion of Chilcotin Plateau)
Home to: N'emiah people, usual wilderness critters
Threatened by logging, mining; currently included in CORE process

Duu-Guusd: 132,000 ha
Located in Haida Gwaii (aka Queen Charlotte Islands)
Logging scheduled by 1995

Greater Kitlope Ecosystem: 405,000 ha
Located on west coast of mainland; world's largest wild temperate rainforest watershed
Home to: Haisla people, bear, salmon, temperate rainforests
Threatened by logging, mining, hydroelectric development

Mt. Robson/Kakwa: 160,000 ha
Located on border of BC and Alberta
Threatened by logging or mining by 1995

Northern Rocky Mountains/Kachika and Turnagain drainages
Located in Northeast; slow-growing boreal forests; largest pristine wilderness in province
Home to: elk, buffalo, caribou, Stone sheep, mountain goats
Threatened by intensive clearcutting planned for 1993: 15 blocks, each over 200 ha; also mining, oil and gas development

Paradise Valley: 9500 ha
Was only pristine undeveloped watershed on south coast of mainland North America
Interfor is currently building logging road into heart of wilderness

Purcell Wilderness Conservancy: 81,000
Located just east of Kootenay Lake; additions to existing conservancy needed to provide connecting ecosystems/riparian zones/winter wildlife habitats
Home to: Rocky Mountain elk, mule deer, Grizzly
Threatened by mega-ski resort, logging

Stein Valley: 103,600 ha
Located in southwest of interior, just east of Lillooet Lake
Threatened by logging and roadbuilding

Stikine: 1,073,000 ha
Located in north
Threatened by logging or mining by 1995

Tutizzi Lake: 113,000 ha
Located in north interior, in Omineca Mountain range, just west of Williston Lake
Scheduled for logging/mining by 1995

West Arm Wilderness: 60,000 ha
Located in West Kootenays (Lasca/Kuketl Creek); extremely important, in an area with very few large roadless areas
Home to: grizzly bears, woodland caribou, old growth (extremely rare in Kootenays)
Threatened by logging and road-building by 1995

White Grizzly Wilderness: 135,800 ha
Located in lake district of the South Selkirk Mountains; largest and most ecologically viable unprotected wildland left in interior rainforest zone
Home to: white grizzlies, wolverine, mountain goats, mountain caribou, world's largest rainbow trout, ancient cedars/hemlock, Sinixt People
Four low-lying valleys threatened by clearcutting within next two years

R BACKYARD!

ommodities. Already, the city of Victoria dumps raw sewage into the ocean. Now BHP minerals (Utah mines) has come up with an even more brilliant solution to getting our waste out of ıver Regional District (GVRD) and anywhere else north of the Oregon border. They will accept 625,000 tonnes of garbage per year (1700 tonnes per day) and have not ruled out the possi-e covered with soil: toxic oily soil from old gas stations, according to the proposal. No cause for alarm though; BHP says the persin who throws out the trash, the worker at the garbage

nd, Mr. C. Aspinall (PR of BHP) suggested Quatsino residents take on this task. As if they have the equipment or expertise to do so.

sland. The area is also one of the most active earthquake regions on earth. A 7.5 + magnitude earthquake is forecast for the near future. BHP is planning to bring two ships full of trash into road.

y, BHP promises the pit will provide 50 jobs and well after all, the captain of the Valdez is still unemployed...

to a natural environment would cause no further pollution and would allow the marine life in the Sound a chance of revival. The island's waste should be broken down and composted and

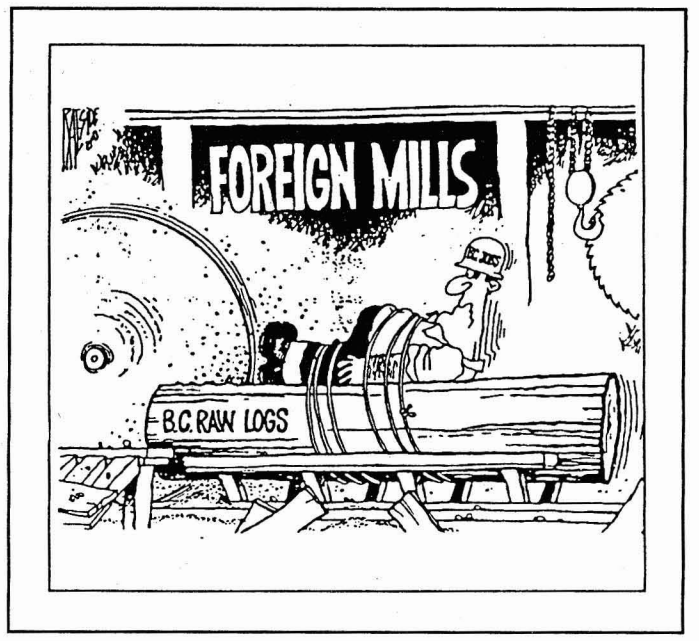
The People United...

As a member of the Industrial Workers of the World (IWW), woodworkers local, I was surprised when the mention of the Wobblies was brought up by an IWA member whilst I was visiting the Northern Section of Vancouver Island. This reference was in the context of radical worker organizing in the Courtenay area in the earlier part of this century. The Wobblies have had a powerful influence on the early woodworkers unions formed on Vancouver Island as in most areas of Western North America. Chaff for the mill of capitalist destruction of Temperate Rainforests, workers were radicalized in the 30's when the IWW and the One Big Union (OBU) worked to bring about a revolution in the organization of labour in Canada. This revolution was only foiled by heavy handed repression, such as the large scale massacre of striking unemployed workers in Regina, or the jailing of the entire Communist Party leadership. This repression, and the need by the end of the thirties for workers to join the mobilization against the Nazi regime.

I have recounted this brief past of labour to give the context of the current situation. At this point the IWA (International Woodworkers Association, the woodworkers union) as an organization has mostly sold out. With their membership rapidly diminishing due to layoffs and successful union busting tactics by the multinationals (such as the contracting of work to Non Union company Pat Carson Bulldozers by Fletcher Challenge in the Walbran area) the IWA seems to be moving into a partnership with multinationals. Following the lead of ex-IWA head Jack Munro who is now head of the Forest Alliance (a so-called "moderate" group funded by the industry and acting as a spokesgroup for pro-industry viewpoints), the IWA seems less and less ready to confront the multinationals. Though to their credit, they have organized demonstrations against Fletcher Challenge and Macmillan Bloedel layoffs.

I have talked with many workers here on the Island who express the same powerlessness in the face of the Corporate menace as I and many non-woodworker environmentalists feel. Yet by continually putting us as odds the corporations have successfully used divide and rule to keep us apart. Through the use of "community based" share groups (part of the Ron Arnold wise-use movement), workers have been convinced that the environmentalist movement is to blame for many of their problems. And the environmental movement has made its fair share of mistakes to help this strategy along. Even Earth First! continually stereotypes woodworkers as stupid hicks with no care for the earth, which is especially incongruous here on Vancouver Island where numerous Old Growth stands have been saved through the refusal of woodworkers to cut the giant trees. These are not single isolated incidents. Everywhere I have been on this island I've heard of workers standing up in resistance to the corporation destruction of the forests and woodworker communities (which is resistance).

I strongly believe that the rainforests on Vancouver Island will not be saved on a permanent basis without a revolution built through strong alliances between First Nations, Woodworkers and environmentalists. Blockades are part of the building of this revolution, but unless they are carried out with a willingness to confront racism, sexism, lesbo and homophobia, classism and other forms of oppressive behaviour which threaten the building of these alliances, blockades are less than productive. For the alliances we build with First Nations (who still own most of Vancouver Island) and with woodworkers are the alliances that will topple the multinational controlled forest industry and provide the blueprints for a new society.



Fire on the Mountain

by Raggy Wilks with help from M@c

"What have I got myself in for?" I thought as I drove the Budget van full of freaks across Vancouver Island. "Could you take over now?" I called to our other driver.

Ten of us and all our stuff plus lights, props, costumes and food were heading from Victoria all the way up to Sointula for the first showing of our play about a logger and a blockader caught together in a forest fire. Sointula is a fishing village on Malcolm Island, across from Port McNeill on the northern east coast of Vancouver Island. The industry-backing mayor of Port McNeill kept us out of that town, but Sointula welcomed us and its resident alternative types quickly took us in. We were happy with our fourteen-member audience that night. They trickled in and filled the chairs of the community hall, laughed at the funny bits, and gave good input in the discussion that followed. It was the first time all of us remembered all our lines.

Our collective is known as That Damn Stage Behind the Rad (as in Radiator). We specialize in community based theatre of a political and/or educational nature, with a chance for audience members to participate if they so choose. Following each performance, they can decide between either an open discussion, where points raised will be incorporated into further performances, or actual interaction with the play. In this case the cast will perform sections or all of the play a second time, during which audience members interrupt the action when they feel changes would resolve the crisis. Suggested changes are acted out by the cast or by the audience member her/himself. During Fire's tour we had some very interesting audience interventions, from one person crawling on stage as a wounded animal in the middle of a heated argument between the logger and the environmentalist; or the International Woodworkers Association (IWA) Union executive (known for once saying "I love the smell of a clear-cut in the morning!") lecturing the audience, then asking us to act out a scene at the CORE (Commission On Resources and the Environment) table; to audience members enacting a revolutionary attack on the play's corporate executive in his office. Other times people simply asked for our characters to be more intelligent to get ourselves out of the fire. It's fun!

The fire, of course, symbolized the destruction of our temperate rainforests here in BC that threatens both loggers and environmentalists. We have to work together against the big Evils or we're toast. The play was meant to smash stereotypes and get people talking, and to show the danger involved if we stay divided. Our play was very balanced, so it's a pity not more loggers came to see it.

The more remote places our play took us were the villages of Zeballos and Kyoquot, accessible only by logging road and/or boat. Considering this, I was shocked to see how much old growth has been cut up there.,

Now we are being asked to perform Fire for festivals, on blockades, and in front of the CORE table. Maybe my days of driving ten mega-stressed actors around are not over yet. But I think it's worth it. We certainly got our reward after the last Victoria show when we happened to end up in the same pub as BC Minster of Forests, Dan Miller, and we sang him out of the place!

MULTINATIONALS GET SLAPP-HAPPY:

STRATEGIC LAWSUITS AGAINST PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- article by Mirabelle

No longer content with dragging activists through criminal court proceedings, several forest companies are now turning to civil litigation to further intimidate and harass people. SLAPPs, or Strategic Lawsuits Against Public Participation, are such an obvious abuse of process that several states in the US have passed anti-SLAPP legislation.

In the last couple years SLAPPs have become the corporate tactic of choice in BC. MacMillan Bloedel has lawsuits pending against the Galiano Islands Trust (Galiano's local government), plus each of the trustees as individuals, for allegedly conspiring to devalue land that MacMillan Bloedel is trying to sell for development (after 40 years of logging). Mac Blo also has a suit pending against over 20 folks allegedly involved in the 1990 blockade of the lower Tsitika Valley, on the northeast coast of Vancouver Island. The defendants include the Western Canada Wilderness Committee, a mainstream environmental group with 10,000+ members that has a policy to not support any kind of illegal action, including blockades. In addition, Mac Blo is threatening to sue people who were arrested in 1991 and 1992 blockades in Clayoquot Sound.

Fletcher Challenge could not stand letting Mac Blo outdo them in the SLAPP department. In 1991 Fletcher Challenge filed a lawsuit against people allegedly associated with blockades in the Walbran Valley. A grand total of 41 individuals and the Carmanah Forestry Society are being charged with conspiracy, intimdation, and harassment.

The Walbran SLAPP is the first SLAPP to be heard in the BC courts involving people who were convicted of criminal contempt of court for blockading. So far the Tsitika and Clayoquot SLAPPs seem to be on hold--probably until Mac Blo sees whether or not Fletcher Challenge is successful with the Walbran SLAPP.

This is also a significant case because it involves a court which, according to binding Canadian and international law, has no jurisdiction. Because the Walbran is beyond the treaty frontier, the only valid court is that of the sovereign nation of that area. But it is unlikely that Fletcher Challenge will apply to Qwa-Ba-Diwa to sue us, given that the courts of Qwa-Ba-Diwa have already issued orders telling agents of Fletcher and the BC govenment to get out of Qwa-Ba-Diwa.

You would have thought that lawyers would just be jumping at the bit to get in on such an important case. Ha ha ha ha ha. Most of the Walbran defendants are forced to be self-represented, thanks to Legal Aid's disgusting decision to not cover any of the lawyer fees in this case. Of course not many of us can afford to hire lawyers for such a lengthy case. This is one of the real dangers of SLAPPs: if you are unrepresented you may not understand the process. Six people have already been defaulted (i.e lost the case before trial) for not following "proper procedure".

Already we have seen the Fletcher Challenge lawyers trying to take advantage of self-represented people by asking them questions that are totally outside the boundaries of the SLAPP. They are asking a lot of questions about Earth First!, and about the environmental movement in general--who do you know, where did you meet them, etc. It's difficult to know what the ramifications are of not answering their questions. According to one lawyer, Fletcher can apply for a court order demanding we answer the questions--if we don't, we face contempt of court charges and possible jail time. Sound anything like a Grand Jury?

It's remarkable how similar the two actually are. Like a Grand Jury, Fletcher needs little or no evidence to name people as defendants in the SLAPP. In addition, part of the process of a SLAPP is what's called the "Examination for Discovery". In these examinations, the defendant faces the multinational's lawyers in a little room ,with no supporters or press allowed (only other defendants are allowed to be present, and none of these defendants can speak at any time). There is no judge presiding, which means that the corporation's lawyers can and do ask all sorts of totally outrageous questions, hoping to intimidate people who are unaware of their rights. The examinations can be as long as the company sees fit. Even as you read this, activists are being pulled out of the woods for "re-examination". It seems that they are trying to keep us in court this summer.

Of course we could always default...but then they have up to 20 years to garnish our wages and seize our assets. And through "joint and several liability", if one of us can't afford to pay then everyone else must. SLAPPs are potentially a very divisive tactic.

The good news is that some of us are countersuing Fletcher Challenge and the government of BC for conspiracy to commit ecocide and genocide, conspiracy to usurp jurisdiction, abuse of process, intimidation, harassment, and just about any other nasty thing we can prove they've done. It will be interesting to see the company's reaction to this SLAPP-back.

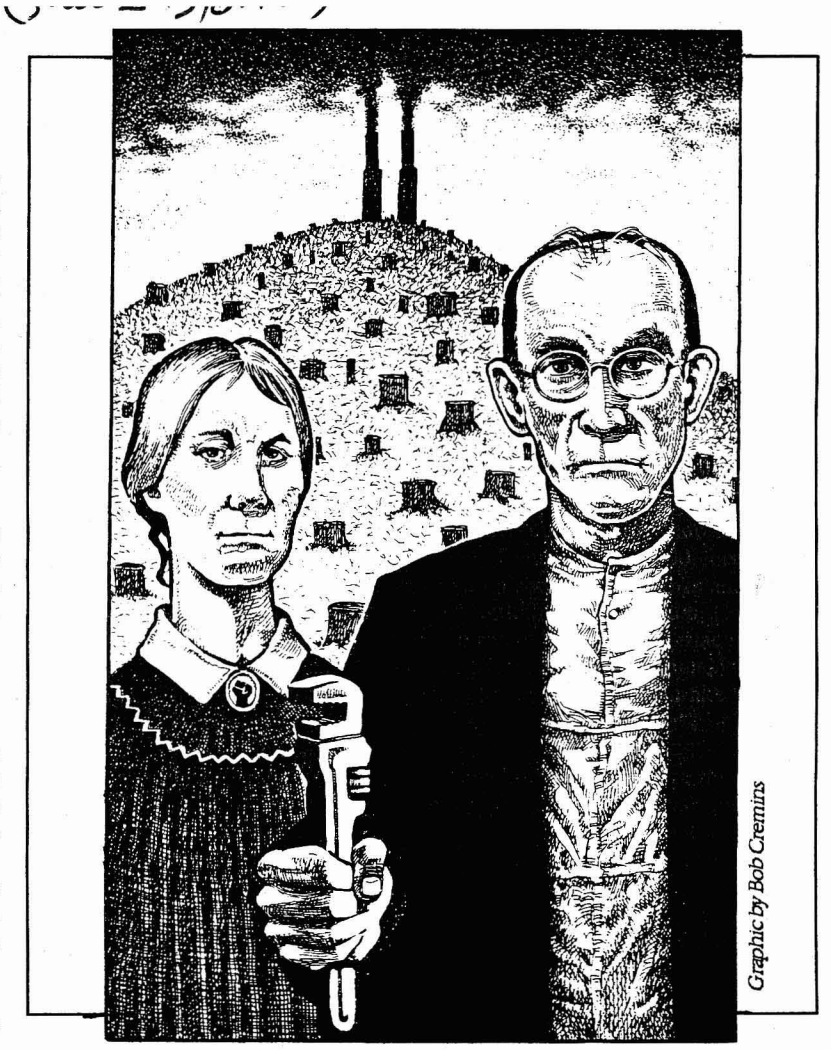
We WILL be fighting corporate sleaze in the woods and in the courts this summer. We refuse to be intimidated by SLAPPs, which are just the latest sleazy attempt by multinationals to silence any kind of resistance to their ecocidal, genocidal destruction of the wilderness.

SEE YOU IN COURT, ASSHOLES!

PS: We are in desperate need of money. It is incredibly expensive to file documents needed to fight the SLAPP. Already people have been defaulted because they could not afford to go to Vancouver to appear in court.

For more information, or to send us bucks, write to Walbran SLAPP Defense Campaign: A5, 1720 Douglas St, Victoria, BC Canada V8W 2G7
(please make cheques out to Terra Prima! and write "SLAPP" on the bottom)

The Legends of Lasqueti Island



I lived on Lasqueti for only two months, but in those two months I heard over and over again the many legends of monkeywrenching on Lasqueti Island. Lasqueti is a small island between the east coast of Vancouver Island and the mainland of BC. It was logged over in the fifties, then in the sixties the draft dodging hippies invaded and squatted the island. Many of the "old-timers" are still there.

Lasqueti is one of the last of the southern Gulf Islands to resist paved roads and hydro lines. It, like the other Gulf Islands, is struggling with the battles between pro-development land owners and anti-development residents. At times the battles have been fairly bitter, and in a community this small, everyone knows what everyone else is doing...or do they? Fueled by Lasqueti's #1 crop (the coffeehouse refrain: "down to stems and seeds"), it appears that the mad monkeywrenchers are afoot in the alder woods...

So for your night-time amusement, here are my two favourite tales of merry mayhem.

The Tale of the Chopped Up Hydro Poles

BC Hydro made the fatal mistake of trying to get Lasquetians to accept a swath of hydro poles across the island. To add insult to injury, the electricity wasn't even for the islanders: the poles would be part of a leapfrog from the mainland to Texada Island to Lasqueti Island to Parksville, on Vancouver Island.

This simply would not do.

From here, I've heard the tale told two ways:

According to the first version, there was a public meeting. The BC Hydro rep, all suited up, talked fast and slick about benefits to Vancouver Island, and how necessary the electricity was, to run homes for the elderly, infirm, and homeless pregnant one-armed single women. At the end of his spiel a grizzled old Lasquetian (much like the RRR, it's hard to tell one Lasquetian apart from another at times) stood up and said, "And what are you going to do when your nice new hydro poles are cut in half?" The BC Hydro rep spluttered and hummed and hawed and then said, "Well we'd put you in jail of course, and then we'll put them up again!" To which the old-timer stood again and asked, "And what will you do the second time they get cut down?" The lines never went up.

According to the second version, the hydro poles were brought onto the island and stacked in nice neat piles to be put up...and then each pole mysteriously appeared in tiny little pieces. The lines never went up.

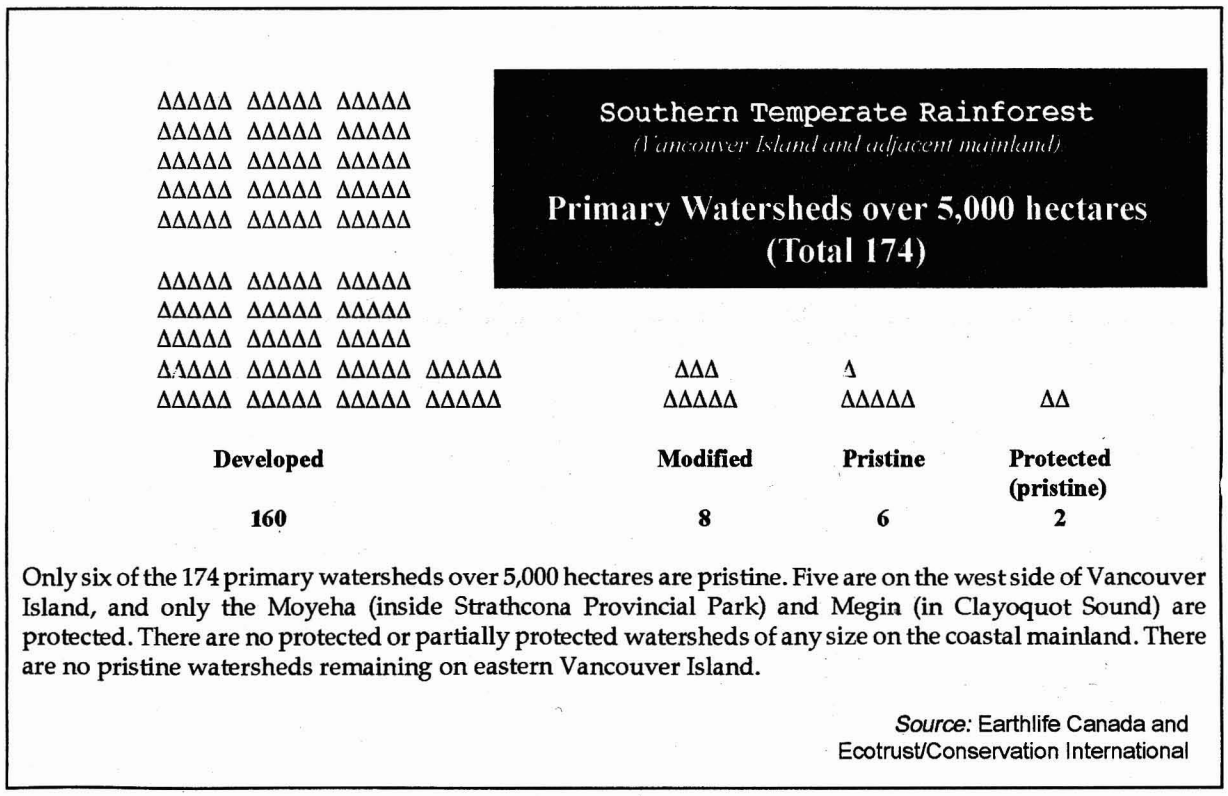
The Tale of Sunken Treasure

There's not many big old trees left on Lasqueti, but there are some that were too small to be cut in the fifties and are now nice-sized trees just ready for the chainsaws. But any prospective greedy individuals make sure to keep one eye on their machinery, for who knows when the Sea-Shepherd wannabees will reappear...

There once was a clearcutter who cut down far too many trees on Lasqueti. Some people on Lasqueti did not approve of the clearcutter's greed.

There is no car ferry; vehicles or large pieces of equipment must be barged over. When the clearcutter tried to bring his heavy machinery off the island on a barge, the barge mysteriously sank in the middle of the night...

In response the greedy clearcutter burned down Lasqueti's community centre. To the credit of the community, the centre was rebuilt (and it is beautiful). The clearcutter never came back.



Only six of the 174 primary watersheds over 5,000 hectares are pristine. Five are on the west side of Vancouver Island, and only the Moyeha (inside Strathcona Provincial Park) and Megin (in Clayoquot Sound) are protected. There are no protected or partially protected watersheds of any size on the coastal mainland. There are no pristine watersheds remaining on eastern Vancouver Island.

Source: Earthlife Canada and Ecotrust/Conservation International

Cosmic Rainbow Crystal Sister

Dedicated to our sister michelle in the states

Oh Crystal sister,
I hear the sound of the planets' alignment
as it echoes off the greenness of Fletcher Falls
Realigning my chakras,
Rearranging my aura.
So that I feel your energy across the void
in Idaho.

Oh, Idaho... It comes to me in a dream
Of cosmic energy and colours, like
Wow.

Collectively written by Terra Prima! (not) who has been suffering from a lack of woo since you left

QUEERS FOR OLD GROWTH

We're here, we're queer, and we're smashing corporate control of native lands!

We are an affinity group of dykes, fags, and bis who will be seen, in all our queerness, in the forests this summer. Over the last several years we have had a strong presence within Terra Prima! and in the forests, in the face of lesbo, homo, and biphobia. We refuse to be in-the-closet-environmentalists. We refuse to believe that by being openly queer we are hampering the Earth First! movement or being divisive. We take inspiration from queer-based groups such as Queer Nation and ACT UP! that have fused queer creativity and energy with the power of direct action.

We are here to counter the myth that the destruction of the earth can be addressed in isolation from other issues. We continue to point out the connections between patriarchy (including heterosexist sexual roles), the destruction of the wilderness, genocide of native peoples, and capitalist corporate control of people's lives and lands. We take pride in the work we have done to build alliances with other movements and to make Terra Prima!'s actions a safe place for people to address oppressive behaviour as it occurs.

If there is homo/lesbo/biphobia going on at an action you can bet your sweet butt that there are other oppressive nasties bubbling under the surface too. By bringing them out into the open, we are starting to address some of the other ways the environmental movement is fucking up in its attempts to build alliances.

We are bold, daring, queers, and we are also the sexiest affinity group in town. And be warned: unless the persistent heterosexism is addressed in the environmental movement, we may have to resort to drastic tactics. Imagine the rubber dildo brigade at your next action....Or how about "S/M dykes--any excuse for a lockup?" Press, anyone?

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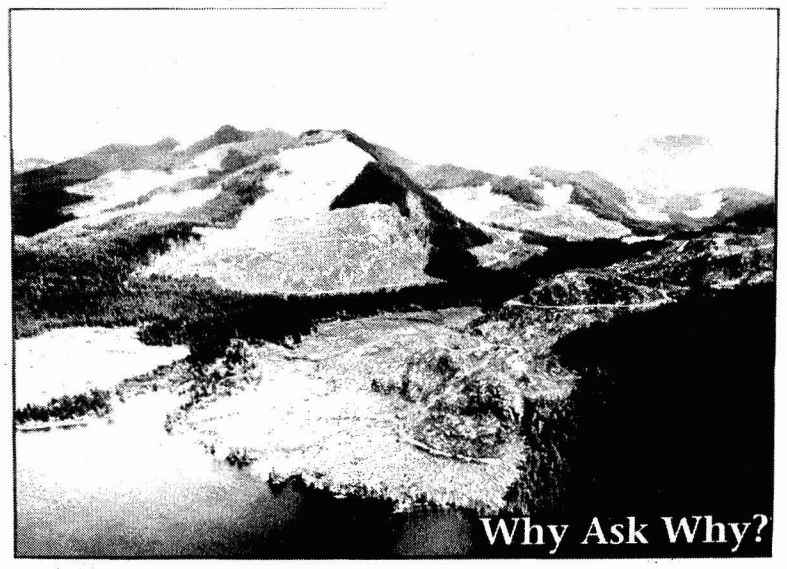

Vancouver Island clearcuts. Photo by Evergreen State College.

Why Monkeywrench?

an Introduction to Terra Prima!

This insert attempts to give an overview of much of the destruction facing wilderness in the area known as British Columbia, and the First Nations whose land it is. Terra Prima! however, is mainly focused on saving the remaining Old Growth Rainforest on the west coast of Southern Vancouver Island. The southern coastal temperate rainforests, which are all Native land by both native and non-native law (though not recognized as such by the colonial Canadian government) is all that remains of the magnificent forests which once covered the south end of the island. This scattering of valleys represents only three percent of the original forest! It is our intent here to give you an idea of the magnitude of destruction imminent all over BC., and to encourage you to get involved, remember **talk-action=0!** If you want a better idea of who we are, we are a group of Earth First!ers who have been working together for about two years now, and the following is our basis of unity:

TERRA PRIMA! BASIS OF UNITY
(based on consensus, as of June 15, 1993; this is a work-in-progress and is subject to change)

1. We listen and respond to the spirit of nature.
2. We strive to understand and respect the traditional and hereditary laws of sovereign native nations.
3. We are committed to addressing oppression where it occurs, in an atmosphere of honesty, openness, and trust.
4. We do not prioritize wilderness areas on the basis of viability or degree of fragmentation: all remaining wilderness is necessary for the survival of this planet and all wilderness has an inherent, intrinsic value.
5. We call for:
   * The protection of remaining wilderness and all life forms.
   * The end to clearcut logging.
   * Exploration of ecologically appropriate forestry methods (eg. ecoforestry) that maintain the integrity of regenerating ecosystems.
   * Ecological restoration of degraded ecosystems.
   * The removal of the TFL (Tree Farm License) system and the end of corporate control of the forests.
   * The colonial government to actively facilitate alternative employment/livelihoods for workers displaced by corporate greed and an unjust economic system.
   * The support of control, by workers and communities, over their livelihoods and homes.
   * The colonial government's legal system to recognize the inherent right and responsibility of people to protect this endangered planet, where the colonial government has jurisdiction.
   * The colonial government to immediately stop usurping jurisdiction over lands beyond the treaty frontier, and make restitution to native nations who have had their lands, cultures, and people abused and stolen by racist governments, corporations, and individuals.
   * The right to have and defend self-determination for all beings.
   * The recognition that all oppressions are linked, and that all oppressions must be equally resisted.
   * NO COMPROMISE IN DEFENSE OF MOTHER EARTH!

DON'T WRITE LETTERS—COME UP HERE AND TAKE ACTION!

OK, this is a final disgusting plea from some of the overworked, manic folks at Terra Prima!. We don't want you to write letters or sign petitions—we want you to come up here. For those of you who can't do that, and want to write letters to politicians, a request: please remember that the BC government does not have jurisdiction over land beyond the treaty frontier (ie. most of the remaining wilderness in this area); if you want to write letters, remind the government that they are usurping jurisdiction and demand that they stop. Please do NOT ask the governments to preserve unceded lands—for the government to make any land use decisions over unceded land is just more of the same colonialist, racist, genocidal bullshit that has been going on for over 125 years.

All these nasty folks can be reached at:
Parliament Buildings, Victoria, BC, Canada V8V 1X4

Premier of BC: The Dishonorable Mike Harcourt
Minister of Forests: The Dishonorable Dan Miller
Minister of Environment: The Dishonorable John Cashore
Minister of Aboriginal Affairs: The Dishonorable Andrew Petter
Attorney General: The Dishonorable Colin Gabelmann
Minister of Tourism and Multiculturalism: The Dishonorable Darlene Marzari

DEFENDING THE WALBRAN: TERRA PRIMA! ESTABLISHES BASE CAMP IN WALBRAN VALLEY

Last night, a friend asked me to write an article about the Walbran '93 campaign. The purpose? To inform, persuade and inspire leagues upon leagues of Earth First!ers/activists/people to join us. The due date of this article? Noon today. Keeping panic at bay (in a relative sort of way), I courageously stepped up to the challenge. My tasks:

A. <u>To Inform</u>
- the Walbran Valley is part of the rapidly disappearing old growth temperate rainforest on Vancouver Island
- this is the campaign's third year running (and the most organized yet!)
- we are working in recognition of Qwa-Ba-Diwa sovereignty and are working on building alliances with other First Nations in the area
- the campaign is focusing on treesitting and blockading to stop road building in the valley

B. <u>To Persuade</u>
- a place like the Walbran Valley occurs only once in a planet's lifetime
- there is no place like the Walbran Valley
- the Walbran is home to hundreds of plant and animal species, some endangered and many that we have not identified yet
- if Fletcher Challenge has their way this summer, there will be more roads leading to more potential clearcuts destroying this fragile ecosystem
- if we have our way this summer there will be no more roads

C. <u>To Inspire</u>
- the only way to be truly inspired is to experience the Walbran first hand

So come now! Terra Prima! desperately needs your support. All you have to do is get yourself, and all your friends, up to Victoria, where you can experience first-hand the joy of our non-violence trainings and Unlearning Oppression workshops. We have transportation from Victoria to the Walbran and an amazing base camp in the heart of the rainforest!

No compromise in defense of Mother Earth!! See you there!

[for all you folks who can't come to the Valley—you can still help us out. Organize a support action in your region; we have location info on Fletcher Challenge and Mac Blo for every US state and many countries outside North America. We also desperately need donations of camping and treeclimbing gear, toys (for childcare), and of course bucks (write cheques to Terra Prima!). Thanks!]

The Independent State of Qwa-Ba-Diwa

The Independent State of Qwa-Ba-Diwa, an independent nation on the south-west coast of Vancouver Island, includes the areas known as the Carmanah and Walbran Valleys. This place was once a vast primeval paradise of ancient temperate rainforest, home to thousand-year-old trees, the threatened marbled murrelet, and hundreds of other species. Today the upper portions of these valleys bear the ugly scars of extensive clearcuts and roads. This summer, MacMillan Bloedel and Fletcher Challenge, operating under licenses illegally granted by the Province of British Columbia, are extending their greedy claws to the forests in the southern and western portions of the Walbran.

The Qwa-Ba-Diwa have never consented to any surrender of sovereignty or jurisdiction. The precondition to any exercise of non-native authority—a treaty of informed and voluntary consent—does not exist. As such, the traditional tribal government of Qwa-Ba-Diwa retains full and exclusive jurisdiction as a matter of settled and binding international law. Canada and the province of British Columbia are bound to respect the independence of Qwa-Ba-Diwa. Yet the foreign governments of BC and Canada continue to invade, occupy, and destroy Qwa-Ba-Diwa lands.

The Qwa-Ba-Diwa will no longer be treated as trespassers in their own homeland. They reject the racist position that their land rights are "extinguished". They reject any type of "self-government" that makes the colonized administer upon themselves the policies of the colonizer. To this end, the Qwa-Ba-Diwa leadership have left the internment camp "reserves" to which they were arbitrarily assigned by the government and returned to Qwa-Ba-Diwa. The reassertion of this traditional and spiritual leadership is potentially the strongest protector of the forests within Qwa-Ba-Diwa.

Chabat His-tah-too-kwa, aka Peter Knighton, is the spokesperson for the hereditary chief of Qwa-Ba-Diwa. Speaking before the International Court of Justice in the Hague, His-tah-too-kwa stated: "Soon my people's lives will be lived out in a wasteland of devastated rainforest, rather than in a paradise. This must not be....The human people of Qwa-Ba-diwa, like the winged people of the air, the furred people of the land, the finned people of water, the tree people, the stone people, and all else that makes Qwa-Ba-Diwa constitute the burden that the hereditary Chiefs Nytom are charged to carry, to protect forever."

American Indian Movement (AIM) spokesperson Ward Churchill recently spoke on five hundred years of Euro predation in North America:

> "The choice for Indigenous People is clear: either to renew their commitment to struggle for survival, or pass into the extinction which has been relentlessly projected for them since the predators' arrival on their shores. Non-indigenous must choose sides also. Be willing participants in the final gnawing on the bones of their native victims, or join hands with them to end the wanton consumption of indigenous lands and lives, which has thus far marked the relationship.
>
> Ultimately, the same system of predatory goals and values which has greatly consumed the people of the land, is increasingly consuming the land itself. Thus the struggle which confronts and unifies us, is saving our collective habitat, as a survivable environment. At long last, we have arrived at a tangible, even overriding confluence of interest between natives and non-natives. Quite clearly, this alliance must not only stop the predator from conducting business as usual, but must conceive of and implement a viable socio-cultural alternative. Here, the experience of indigenous peoples could serve as inspiration and example. The requisite knowledge still exists."

Qwa-Ba-Diwa is a potential model, a laboratory for a genuinely liberated and sustainable alternative. At this juncture in time, there is no middle ground. Support for native peoples' struggles to de-colonize the land and people, repair damaged ecosystems, and rebuild viable, self-sufficient communities is urgently needed.

Letters to the press, governments of Canada and BC, and your local elected official are important. Letters should condemn the governments of Canada and BC for the ongoing rape of Qwa-Ba-Diwa forests, and urge an immediate halt to this outrageous ecocide and genocide; please send copies to Qwa-Ba-Diwa. Letters of recognition and support are also welcome. Please make your position known publicly. Send all donations and letters of support to:

Independent State of Qwa-Ba-Diwa, Information Office (Canada), PO Box 35015, Victoria, BC Canada V9T 5G2

Please make cheques and money-orders payable to "Qwa-Ba-Diwa Defence Fund".

TERRA PRIMA! A-5, 1720 DOUGLAS ST, VICTORIA, BC, CANADA V8W 2G7
Phone: (604) 595-4569 ***Fax: (604) 598-9183***

P.s. No compromise in defence of Papa Smurf!

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Also—standard SLAPP disclaimer—anyone who is being SLAPPed and wrote for this is not in any way, shape or form encouraging anyone to break the law or help heavy machinery to achieve a higher state of consciousness.
P.S. thanks for the column guides PP.S Thanks to the computer geeks, Mirabelle and Manic Sm@ck (the wimpy vegan)

Now Forming... Now Forming... The New Journal Advisory Committee

BY SEQUOIA

The *Journal* meeting at this year's rendezvous put a great deal of energy into providing a structure that would make the paper responsive to the movement, yet empower those who did the work to act on their own decisions (see proposal, below). A pool of possible long-term editors was chosen from those desiring that position and then that group of folks decided among themselves which of them would serve as the four committed to spend a year at the job. Jim Flynn, John Green, Kimberly Dawn, and Craig Benneville have made that commitment to our movement.

—A *Journal* Advisory Committee (JAC), will serve as a group of folks whom the editors can call upon to aid in decisions if they wish.

—If a long-term editor is unable to stay on the job for a full year, the rest of the long-term editors are empowered to select someone to fill the vacancy, working with the JAC.

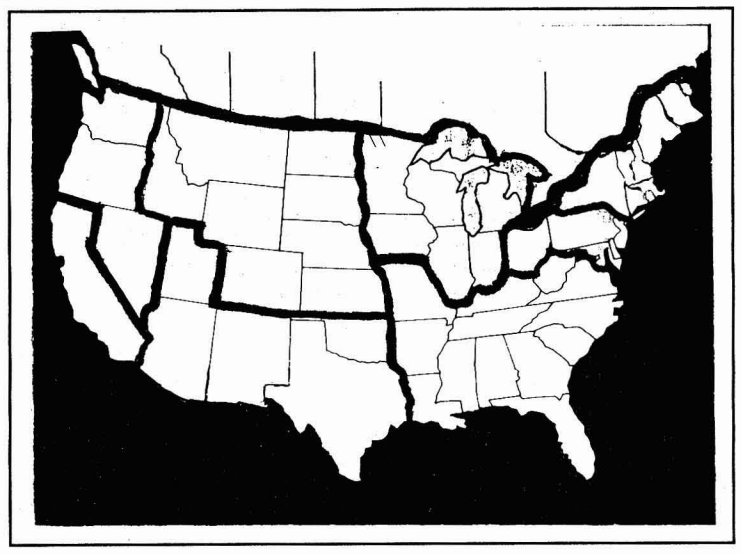
—If conflict arises regarding the new editor chosen,the JAC is empowered to decide upon that person's qualifications via a group decision arrived at by whatever decision making process the JAC choses to use.

—The JAC will consist of nine well known, trusted Earth First! activists creating a geographic balance.

—Each area shall select the JAC member from their region using whatever process they choose.

The geo-areas were drawn up based on present distribution of the *Journal* and a bit of common sense, i.e. Canada & Alaska are a region although less papers go there than to other regions. It is important to remember that the JAC is a *back-up*, not a group directing the *Journal* or it's editorial collective.

Here are the geo-areas based upon the above criteria. Now it is up to you to select a voice for each region. Have at it...



THE GEO-AREAS ARE:

New England – Connecticut, Vermont, Maine, Massaschusetts, New Hampshire, New York, Rhode Island.

East – Ohio, Pennsylvania, Maryland, DC, Deleware, New Jersey.

South – West Virginia, Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee, South Carolina, North Carolina, Missouri, Arkansas, Louisiana, Arkansas, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, Florida.

Northern Mideast – Minnisota, Wisconsin, Iowa, Michigan, Illinois, Indiana.

Northern Midwest–Montana, Idaho, Colorado, Wyoming, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas.

Southwest– Utah, Arizona, New Mexico, Texas, Oklahoma.

Pacific Northwest – Washington, Oregon, Nevada

California

Alaska and the Great North (Canada)

Sequoia is a soft spoken, genteel lady who blushes at the word dam. See photo on page one.

No Compromise in Defense of the EF! Journal

A Proposal for the EF! Journal *by WildCatia and Tahoma Tim*

ed.note:What follows is a summary of the proposal consensed upon at the annual Earth First! Journal meeting at the 1993 Round River Rendezvous.

PROPOSAL

The *Earth First! Journal* will be published by an affinity group of EF! activists who work collectively using the consensus process as the *Journal* Editorial Staff. Each and every person will be responsible for making editorial decisions concerning the *EF!J*, and each staff person will be accountable for the quality of their editorial work. Although the affinity group has the freedom to divide up tasks and labor as they see fit, editorial decision-making will be done by consensus. All editors will review all submissions.

STAFF STRUCTURE/PROCESS

The *Journal* affinity group will be comprised of four long-term editors who will commit themselves to work on the *Journal* for a full year, a pool of short-term editors who will work for one or two issues only, and two non-editorial members of the affinity group who will work on office management and fundraising for a full year.

The four long term editors were consensed upon at the 93 RRR. Each long-term editorial staff person will work on a minimum of seven issues, with a mandatory one issue vacation per year, to pursue their own lives and activism. An attempt will be made, depending on finances, to pay the *Journal* staff a living wage and to give long-term editors a paid vacation.

The two additional long-term members of the *Journal* affinity group will work as a managing editor/bookkeeper, to be paid a salary; and a fund raiser/booster, who might work on commission. These two members will not participate in routine daily editorial decision-making, but their input may be solicited by other members of the affinity group.

There will be space for one to two short-term editors available on each issue of the *Journal* for EF! activists to join the affinity group. The short-termers will be fully-empowered, equally paid members of the Editorial Staff. The selection of these short-term folks will be made by the four long-termers based on applications received with suggestions and advice from other EF!ers.

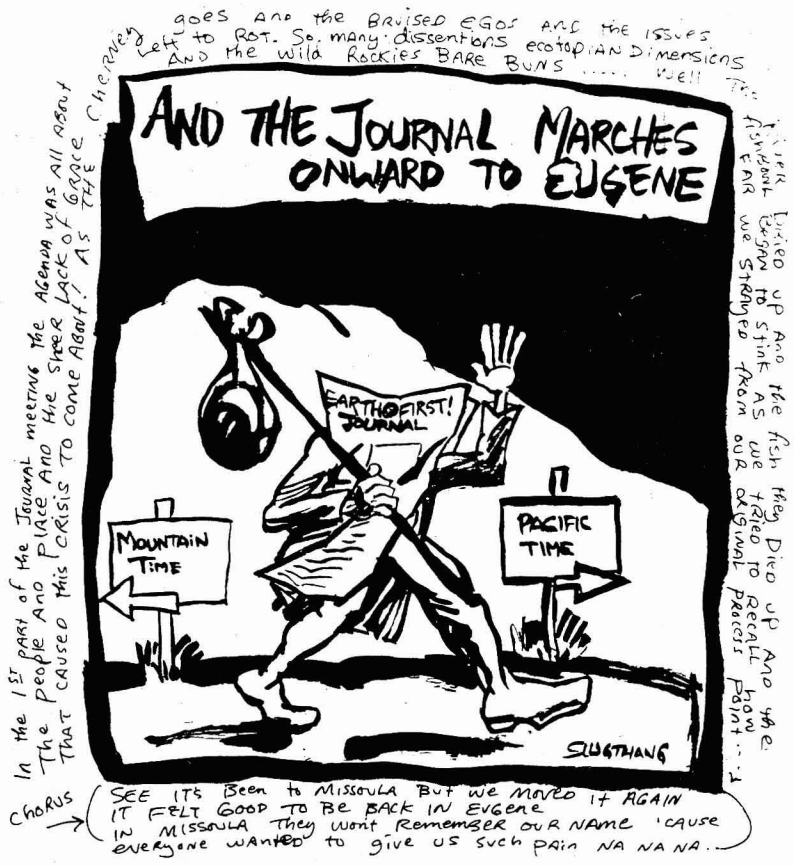
Should any EF! activist feel concerned about anything with the contents or operations of the *Journal*, their proper recourse will be to directly contact a member of the *Journal* affinity group. It will be staff policy that all concerns raised will be fully shared among all members of the staff. If concerned parties are still not satisfied that their concerns have been addressed, then they can contact anyone on the *Journal* Advisory Committee (JAC).

CONFLICT RESOLUTION AND THE JOURNAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

It is our sincere desire that the conflicts of the past will be resolved, the tribe will come together, and that we can all get on with the real work of putting the Earth first, and not have to continually deal with the *Journal* first. Should problems or conflicts arise, however, the long-termers will be empowered to resolve them. It is hoped that the long-term staff selected at the RRR will be given the trust, support, and respect needed to publish the movement's newspaper. The JAC (see adjoining article on the re-formation and role of the JAC) can be called upon by the members of the staff for advice.

GUIDECIRCLES, NOT GUIDELINES

We oppose the metaphor of lines that reflect narrow, linear thinking and serve to divide us; we endorse the metaphor of circles which are inclusive, embracing entities that serve to unite us. A positive statement for the masthead, as opposed to a negative one, could be: "The *Earth First! Journal* welcomes submissions of articles, letters, poetry and art that put the Earth first, build the Earth First! movement, and advance the creation of a world Wild and Free of speciesism, racism, sexism, violence, exploitation and oppression."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PLACE AND PEOPLE FOR THE *JOURNAL*

Eugene has a supportive community of EF!ers and others willing to help the paper. Also available are access to resources, (such as a university), other publications, environmental organizations and beautiful wild places. Wild places are close by, and alas, there are environmental disasters to work on in your spare time. Eugene is an ideal place for the *Journal*.

Boycott Alaska

Wolf Kill Plans Worse Than Ever

Photo courtesy of Alaska Department of Fish and Game

Did you think Alaska's wolves were safe after Governor Walter Hickel and his cronies announced the cancellation of plans for wolf control in 1993? We certainly did.

But these state officials have once again decided to renege on their word. The actual time elapsed between the cancellation of the previous plans and submitting proposals for new wolf control plans was a mere three months. The state intends to kill 80% of the wolves in some areas. This control is scheduled to be maintained for five years, using predominantly ground-based methods, which might include tracking wolf packs via radio telemetry, and then saturating den site areas with snares and traps. In less forested areas, once there is snow on the ground, it might mean running radio located wolves down with snowmobiles and guns.

At its June 26-July 1 Fairbanks meeting, the seven-member Alaska Board of Game decided to:

•Sanction wolf control in Game Management Unit 20A Control Area. State and private hunters and trappers would reduce wolf numbers from more than 200 to as few as 35. Fewer wolves would supposedly mean more moose and caribou for hunters to shoot.

•Approve same-day airborne hunting of wolves. Sport hunters will be able to spot wolves, land, and shoot the animals as long as they are 100 yards from the aircraft. This regulation is virtually impossible to enforce since many hunters will not bother with the 100-yard limit and will start shooting upon landing.

•Extend the trapping and hunting season one full month.

•Reject an extension of the buffer zone around Denali National Park. This, of course, will put Denali's wolves—the world's most studied packs—under the hunters' guns.

The Board of Game's just-approved wolf control plans are as scientifically baseless as the original November plan, which called for the aerial gunning of up to 400 wolves each year for five years. In Alaska, where the wolf population is estimated at only 6,000, hunters and trappers already kill some 1,000 wolves annually, about 15% of the state's population. Moose and caribou in Alaska number more than one million; in fact, the state's caribou population has more than tripled in the course of the last 15 years.

The state abandoned the original plan after Governor Hickel's office was inundated with more than 50,000 calls and letters from outraged individuals, criticizing this short-sighted, biologically reckless extermination program. This public outcry was prompted by the international tourism boycott called for by the Fund for Animals and other groups. Now, with the summer vacation season well underway, the Board of Game has shiftily adopted plans to slaughter wolves.

The state's motive is to eradicate wolves, believing that fewer wolves will mean more moose and caribou. In the last decade, half of the wolf population of Alaska has been killed. Governor Wally Hickel's appointments to the key wildlife posts have consisted entirely of outspoken wolf control advocates. It may not stop with wolves, either. Just this past March, the Board of Game approved plans to "control" Grizzly Bears in a vast area of south-central Alaska.

With your help, we will let Alaskans know that they cannot blast away at the last American stronghold of the Gray Wolf while the rest of the country, and the world, looks on. Please call and write to the individuals listed below and let them know that you won't spend a dime in a state that doesn't give a damn about wolves.

Governor Walter Hickel, PO Box 11000
Juneau, AK 99811
Phone (907) 465-3500, fax (907) 465-3147

Connel Murray
Director, Alaska Division of Tourism
PO Box 110801, Juneau, AK 99811
Phone (907) 465-2010, fax (907) 586-8399

Commissioner Carl L. Rosier
Department of Fish & Game
PO Box 25525, Juneau, AK 99802
Phone (907) 465-4112, fax (907) 465-2332

Dick Burley, Chairperson, Board of Game,
PO Box 25526, Juneau, AK 99802
Phone (907) 465-4110,
fax (907) 586-4033 or 465-6094

Let Nature Fill the Niche

BY TOM SKEELE

In the 1940s, federal, state and private wolfers finished their job of killing of enough wolves—virtually all wolves—in the western United States to make the range safe for the livestock industry.

That process took more than 50 years. Although widespread anti-wolf sentiment was both real and representative of the nation's attitude at the onset of the extermination campaign, attitudes changed over the decades. The West was tamed for the most part, and the wolf no longer threatened the livestock industry. The last wolfers continued to kill wolves because they and the people who hired them could not let go of the belief that had justified their actions from the start: the belief that the only good wolf was a dead one.

For years, most wolf advocates have rallied round the strategy of reintroducing wolves into Yellowstone National Park under an "experimental, non-essential population" designation. This designation was established in a 1982 amendment to the Endangered Species Act.

This would allow for "greater management flexibility" in dealing with wolves that prey on livestock by lessening protection otherwise afforded endangered wolf populations listed under the act. Wolf advocates have supported this strategy because they believed it was the most feasible way to meet two goals: to appease the anti-wolf forces and to return wolves to the Yellowstone region in a timely manner.

This strategy has been formalized as one of the five alternatives in the Gray Wolf Environmental Impact Statement. Although other wolf advocates have tried to build support for letting wolves return to the Yellowstone region with the full protection afforded them under the act, the experimental, non-essential contingent has so far set the agenda accepted by most Americans.

Recent events have brought around a change in circumstances, and its now time to reconsider this strategy.

•The US Fish and Wildlife Service confirmed in March that an animal killed just south of Yellowstone Park last October was a true wolf, related to wolves in NW Montana.

•There have been other tantalizing sightings in the Yellowstone region in the last few years. Most biologists who viewed the film of a dark canid in Hayden Valley last summer thought it was probably a wolf, judging from its behavior and appearance.

In the aftermath of these sightings, biological and legal experts have spoken out in recent weeks regarding the hazards of pushing through a wolf reintroduction program.

First the biology. Wolf expert Bob Ream has long held that wolves could recolonize the Yellowstone region on their own. He says that the confirmation of a wolf killed near the park is proof not only that wolves can, but are, making their way back. Government officials like US Fish and Wildlife Service biologist Joe Fontaine have dismissed the appearance of the wolf as showing "...what we already know, wolves are great dispersers." Some wolf activists have said that "one wolf does not a population make."

While these statements do not seem to refute the fact that what we are witnessing is natural wolf ecology, the underlying message is that long range dispersal will not lead to natural recolonization in the Yellowstone region.

While this recolonization may never happen, or happen fast enough to please wolf partisans, we should not deny the possibility that wolves are doing in the Yellowstone area what they've done in Glacier Park, the Ninemile Valley, the NW corner of Montana, and are beginning to do in central Idaho, the Rocky Mountain Front and the north Cascades.

Second, the law. Sierra Club Legal Defense Fund attorney Doug Honnold, in a recent *Jackson Hole Guide* article, said the appearance of a wolf near Yellowstone Park last fall may disallow the option of using an experimental population designation for reintroducing wolves. Under section 10(J) of the act, where the experimental population is provided for and discussed, two criteria are established.

First, the area for reintroduction must be "outside of the current range" of the species. Second, the newly introduced population must be "wholly separate geographically from the non-experimental populations of the same species."

Even though some people may dispute the fact that Yellowstone is (or may soon be) part of the "current range" of wolves, the appearance of wolves in the region makes it difficult to argue that the area is geographically isolated from other gray wolf populations. To proceed with the reintroduction of an experimental population at this point would not only lessen the protections afforded those resident or naturally recolonizing wolves in the region, it would also set a terrible and illegal precedent for the Endangered Species Act.

All wolf advocates now have an opportunity to broaden the range of discussion on wolf recovery for the Yellowstone ecosystem. While the imperative for swift restoration remains, the conservation community needs to realize that we cannot stay the course of experimental, non-essential reintroduction and simultaneously preserve the integrity of the law and respect the animal we are trying so hard to protect.

As wolf advocates, we need now, more than ever before, to insist that the federal agencies responsible for wolf recovery cease their head-long dive into a scenario of experimental, non-essential reintroduction. Agencies should instead conduct prompt and thorough field surveys before proceeding with any plans for the Yellowstone region. If this means we have to wait two more years before making a decision, then so be it. The consequences of rushing ahead could be much more costly ecologically.

If a survey confirms either wolf presence or geographical continuity between the Yellowstone region and wolf populations elsewhere, then we have lost the opportunity to use the experimental designation. However, we still have the option of population augmentation (one of the five alternatives proposed in the Gray Wolf Environmental Impact Statement). Wolves introduced in this manner would have no less protection than naturally occurring wolves elsewhere, and the Endangered Species Act would remain intact.

As for the political feasibility of this strategy, wolf activists have known for a long time that public support for wolf recovery is tremendous. Last summer 35,000 Yellowstone National Park visitors said "yes" to wolves in a Defenders of Wildlife poll. One survey after another shows a majority of the public wants wolves back. With the loss in Montana of one of wolfdom's most fervent enemies, Rep. Ron Marlenee, and an administration in Washington more favorable than the last to environmental protection, we can afford to take a more ambitious stance.

Let's not forget the two primary reasons given for pursuing an experimental, non-essential population designation: wolf recovery would be more palatable to ranchers, and such a designation allows wolves to be "controlled" more easily. The livestock industry has wavered little from its "no wolves, no way" stance from the beginning, despite being all but promised the experimental, non-essential designation as a compromise and despite talk of allowing ranchers to shoot wolves themselves under certain conditions.

Wolves are already controlled quite easily and readily where they already exist in the contiguous United States and supposedly enjoy full protection as an endangered species. When wolves finally do return to the Yellowstone region in large enough numbers to satisfy the most ardent critic, they will be controlled outside of Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks to protect livestock. We don't need to sanction that by weakening the law.

Let's have the imagination and boldness to move with a changing natural world. We should take this opportunity to move away from a strategy based on the political power of the livestock industry, and instead develop one based on the ecological needs of the wolf and the Yellowstone region.

—Excerpted from High Country News.
Wolf advocate Tom Skeele is founder and president of Predator Project, PO Box 6733, Bozeman, MT 59771; phone (406) 587-3389.

The Grazing "Tradition"

BY VISTARA PARHAM

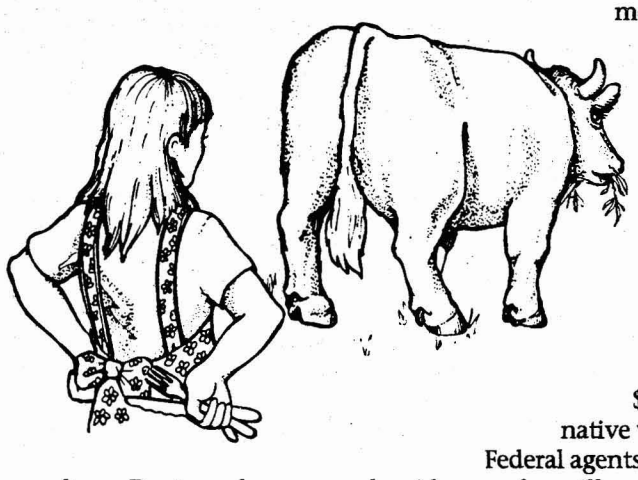
Red meat producers persuade us that grazing is "good for the land" just like the tobacco industry says cigarettes are fine for the body. I'm the third generation of a ranching family and I'll tell you what I think. The death of elk and deer in winter is yet another symptom of overgrazing that can be mistakenly blamed on weather. Eighty-five percent of all US topsoil loss is associated with livestock grazing and a 1990 EPA report says riparian areas throughout the West are in "their worst condition in history."

The cow is an alien, exotic species, ill-adapted to arid western ecosystems. Unlike native buffalo, the cow (which evolved in humid Europe) tends to congregate and stay on the most fragile areas near ponds and streams. Native birds and plants are pushed out when the soil is compacted and streams choked. Thousands of streams are reduced to mere trickles. Others are too shallow, filled with sediments devoid of riparian cover and laden with excrement.

A report from the United Nations says "overgrazing is changing 85% of the West into a desert of scrub and creosote bush," threatening an environmental disaster that could affect everything from food production to water availability and wildlife. The UN report warns that damage to semi-arid lands, due mostly to overgrazing by cattle, already costs nations around the world $42.3 billion per year in lost crops.

Even if one could deny the documentation from growing numbers of scientists, those who live here have undeniable evidence from our own eyes and noses. We dare not put a sleeping bag down in the dark, our public wildlands swarm with flies, riparian areas are trashed and the stench of cows is overwhelming, even in the most remote places. Even though federal laws require that public lands be managed for multiple use, our public lands are being managed for the benefit of the agriculture industry, whose owners and worker comprise only 7% of the population. The remaining 93% have watched the land turn into a gigantic cow ghetto.

Cows, unlike native buffalo, cannot survive a natural ecosystem with predators, so taxpayers in 1992 spent over $45 million to slaughter wildlife on public lands and provide a low risk business environment for agricultural interests.



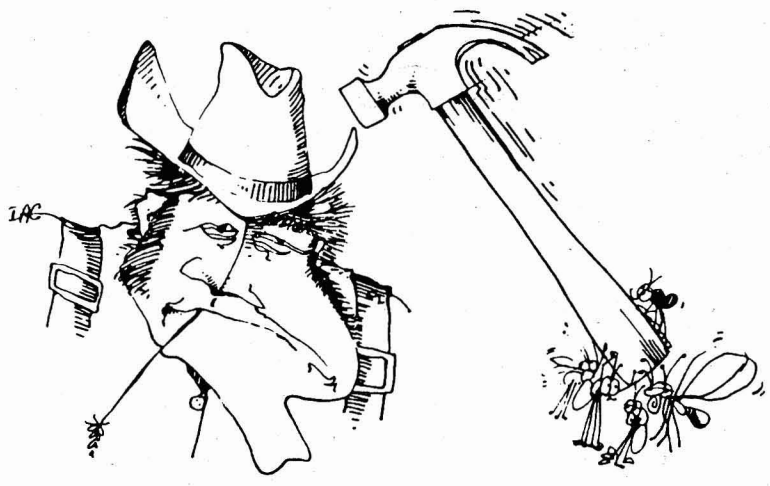
The Animal Damage Control (ADC) exterminates millions of magnificent predators every year in order to turn our wildlands into big open-air stockyards. Wyoming's governor put agribarons on the Game and Fish Commission and shamelessly begged the feds for $250,000 extra to poison native wildlife this year.

Federal agents raided the Wyoming Agriculture Dept. and uncovered evidence of an illegal trade in deadly poisons stretching from Texas to Wyoming. The director of the US Fish and Wildlife Service said the agents seized enough poisons "to probably kill every man, woman, child *and* predatory mammal in the western US." This tax-supported war on wildlife must end. Our millionaire politicians must be held accountable to the public's demand for protection of our natural heritage.

Public lands *do* belong to the public and the public won't tolerate the expense and the degradation much longer. We've watched the destruction of millions of acres of grasslands and the invasion of alien plants such as Cheatgrass, which is 500 times more flammable than native grasses. We've seen as well the seeding of monocultures of introduced grasses. Crested Wheatgrass is an example of an exotic import from Turkestan shunned by everything except cows. In order to grow cows in a place where they do not belong, we've had to ravage the natural environment.

I think it's time we livestock people admit a mistake and eliminate grazing on public lands. Only 2% of the nation's beef is produced on public lands anyway. There are plenty of private lands. It is time to move meat production to more appropriate terrain.

Vistara Parham is an impassioned grassroots activist who could use some help; contact her at 32 Redpoll Lane, Rt. 3, Sheridan, WY 82801.



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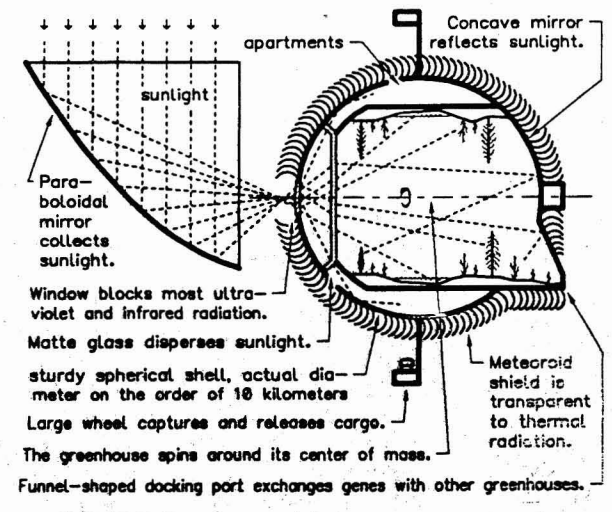
SPACE MANIFESTO

DEFENDERS OF NATURE, AND DEFENDERS OF INDUSTRY, UNITE IN OUTER SPACE. BECOME COSMIC NOMADS, THE HUNTERS OF COMETS AND GATHERERS OF ASTEROIDS. SPIN COCOONS OF STEEL FOR YOUR NEW FORESTS AND SEAS. AND WHEN YOU VISIT THE EARTH, STEP LIGHTLY, LEST YOU DESTROY ITS FRAGILE BEAUTY.

Space Manifesto and residential housing graphic by Andrew Nowicki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Large wheel captures and releases cargo.
The greenhouse spins around its center of mass.
Meteoroid shield is transparent to thermal radiation.
Funnel-shaped docking port exchanges genes with other greenhouses.

RESIDENTIAL GREENHOUSE

GIANT BILLBOARD TO ORBIT THE EARTH

BY JORDAN REEVES

Advertising is about to reach new heights—and a new low—when Space Marketing, Inc. sends a massive billboard into space.

The Atlanta-based marketing firm announced in April it would launch an inflatable billboard in 1996, large enough to carry corporate logos that would appear about the size of the moon from Earth.

Ever since the announcement, consumer and environmental groups have been waging a public relations campaign against the project. The Center for the Study of Commercialism expects 15 to 20 new organizations to endorse a letter it will send to the United Nations' Office of Outer-Space Affairs calling for a resolution condemning the venture.

"Blights in the sky, advertising gone awry," chants Teresa Schilling of the Sierra Club. Fearing a loss of ground control, the folks at Space Marketing have responded by emphasizing the environmental side of the project. Scientific instruments attached to the billboard will monitor the Earth's disappearing ozone layer and track other environmental concerns. In addition, the billboard will no longer be used to deliver ads but will sport an environmental message or symbol that corporations funding the project will be able to use on product packaging. Better still, when the billboard burns up upon reentering the Earth's atmosphere about 20 days after launch, it will release a small quantity of gases helping to reverse ozone depletion.

Space Marketing has become much more careful about what it says.

"It's not a billboard, it's a platform," stresses public relations manager Mike Jones.

But all of this comes from the same agency that has launched an ad for Arnold Schwarzenegger's *Last Action Hero* on the side of a rocket this summer, for half a million dollars.

Not surprisingly, the distinction between billboard and platform isn't good enough for Scenic America, the United States' first anti-billboard group. Spokesperson Frank Vespe says his organization is ready to take the leap from a national organization to a galactic one.

"From day one when the first billboard was erected, people were protesting it," Vespa says. "This is sort of an extension of that. One of the reasons that billboards are a problem is that they not only degrade the scenery, but they're so intrusive you can't tune them out, you can't go away from them, you're a captive audience."

The billboard may also interfere with the work of astronomers. By reflecting the sun's rays it could cause "light pollution" which would make observing distant stars like trying to watch a slide show in a lighted room, says David Crawford, director of the International Dark Sky Association.

More than anything, however, it is the very idea of ads in space that may ground the project.

"Any one billboard in any one city is no problem... but this is just the camel's nose in the tent," says Crawford. "I think the most inspiring thing we have going for us is our view of the universe. Anybody who's been out in a dark sky and who looks up, no matter how jaded, is mightily impressed."

Those in the know say Space Marketing may have floated ideas as a sort of trial balloon, more to raise publicity for themselves than anything else. But whatever the reason, Mike Jones says the project is going full speed ahead. Which leaves consumer, environmental and astronomical groups three years to bring Space Marketing back down to Earth.

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Ed. note: to get involved in preventing this disaster, contact Scenic America, 21 Dupont Circle, Washington, DC 20036; phone: (202) 833-4300.

Pyrenean Bears Condemned

TRANSLATED BY KATE GEARY, OXFORD EF!

Ed note: On the border between France and Spain the last Brown Bears in the Pyrenee Mountains are under threat of extinction. A road which is planned to link Bordeaux (France) with Valencia (Spain) will drive a wedge through their habitat. Although direct action by European groups including Earth First! succeeded in halting construction work, even if the road is totally stopped, this may not be enough to save the bears.

"The improvements to the road and the building of the tunnel do not constitute in any way the key to the survival of the bears." This phrase, taken from a study prepared by a group of experts at the request of the Segolene Royale and Jean-Louis Bianco, former Environment and Public Works minister respectively, will not fail to refuel the debate between the opponents and partisans of the Somport road tunnel linking Bearn and Aragon across the Pyrenees.

The study group included two bear specialists not involved in the Pyrenean battle, Christopher Servheen from the American University of Montana, and Djuro Huber from the Croatian University of Zagreb. The experts are definite: "The policy for the protection of the Brown Bears of the Pyrenees has failed. The sole means of maintaining a viable bear population in the Pyrenees is to introduce 'individuals' originating from a foreign population." In their opinion, the Pyrenean animals are doomed to become extinct in the next 20 years, no matter what is done to protect their habitat. Eight to ten years of undetermined sex (there might only be one female) cannot assure the regeneration of the species.

Restoring its population therefore demands the introduction of several females from the Slovenian and Croatian mountains of Dinari, where there are bears with a similar acceptable genetic make-up. If the state decides to reintroduce individuals"the opportunity is unique in putting all those in charge with their backs to the wall, making them responsible for a true management policy for the bear populations in parallel with the improvements to the road."

For more information on the campaign to save the bears contact: Kate Geary and Chris Lang, Oxford Earth First!, Box E,111 Magdalen Road, Oxford 0X4 1RQ, England; phone +44 865 201706/202706, fax +44 865 201705; e-mail gn:eartharc.

-LE MONDE

Tatshenshini Protected

Glacier Bay Park and National Preserve in Alaska has been declared part of UNESCO's World Heritage Program. The move is a setback for the Canadian government's plan to construct the Windy Craggy copper mine just 40 kilometers upstream from the park's boundary, at the confluence of the Alsek and Tatshenshini Rivers. Canada is bound by treaty "not to take any deliberate measures which might damage directly or indirectly the cultural and natural heritage" of a designated World Historic Site.

The Windy Craggy plan to store acid-generating waste rock in a reservoir behind a 110-meter high dam threatens to contaminate the environment of Glacier Bay, and would end the subsistence lifestyle and culture of the Yakutat Tlingit people who populate Alaska's Gulf Coast. (See article in Samhain 1992 *EF!J.*)

—WORLD RIVERS REVIEW

Map by Kris Maenz

Clayoquot Logging, International Outrage

The decision made by the British Columbian (BC) government to log Clayoquot Sound, the largest area of temperate rainforest left on Vancouver Island, has provoked outrage internationally as well as at home. Over 20 people have been arrested since the Rainforest Summer direct action campaign began on July 5.

This spring, after many months of negotiation with local people, the BC government gave the red light to Macmillan Bloedel (MB) and International Forest Products to log 74% of the sound. A few weeks previously the government, confirming their total commitment to multinational logging corporations, invested $50 million of public money in MB, making them the single largest shareholder.

Since then, environmental groups across the world, at long last recognizing that deforestation is not just a problem in tropical countries, have taken on the issue of forest liquidation in Canada. The government corruption, industrial manipulation and ecosystem annihilation in evidence at Clayoquot Sound is just an example of the general situation across Canada. Canada is now being referred to as the "Brazil of the North."

This year's Canada Day, July 1, saw activities at Canadian embassies in Australia, Austria, Britain, Finland, France, Germany, India, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, and the US.

On July 15, the Australian rock band Midnight Oil played to a crowd of 5,000 people at the "Black Hole," an infamous clearcut at the edge of the sound which shows what MB plans to do to the rest. News of the concert, which also involved 2,000 people blockading the Kennedy Bridge entrance to the sound, made global headlines. The BC government, in a pathetic attempt to stop the concert going ahead, handed an injunction to Midnight Oil as they entered Canada. Lead singer Peter Garrett, said of the injunction, "If it's meant to be intimidating, it's a failure."

The resistance continues...

Contact Friends of Clayoquot Sound, Box 489, Tofino, VOR 2ZO, Canada; phone (604) 725 4218, fax (604) 725-2527.

Photo by Andrew Dedo

Buy the Rainforest!

A Guatemalan group, the Foundation for Ecodevelopment and Conservation (FUNDAECO), urgently requires financial help to preserve the Cerro San Gil rainforest. The largest contiguous area of rainforest on Guatemala's Atlantic coast, the forest of Cerro San Gil is a treasure in urgent need of protection. It is home to 332 species of birds, representing 50% of the avifauna of Guatemala.

Last year FUNDAECO acquired 2,250 hectares within Cerro San Gil to establish an ecological reserve, with the aid of a $130,000 bank loan. FUNDAECO has raised $50,000 to repay the loan. The remaining $80,000 must be repaid by December and FUNDAECO is appealing to all potential donors, with particular emphasis on donations of $1,000 or more. FUNDAECO staff will travel to give slideshow presentations about the project.

For information, contact: Fundacion Para El Ecodesarrollo Y La Conservacion, 4 Calle "B" 14-24, Zona 10, Oakland 01010, Guatemala, Central America; phone 682454, 337527, 337528; fax 682454.

Korean Slaves Log Siberian Forests

North Korean workers, living like prisoners of the still-surviving Gulag prisons, are logging Siberian forests. There are 15,000-20,000 working for two large joint Russian-North Korean timber companies. Productive forests have been clearcut within 10 kilometers of a railroad. When not busy destroying forests, the workers turn their attention to hunting and trapping the remaining wildlife for food or profit, including species such as the Siberian Musk Deer, who are killed for their potent musk used in perfumes. Brown Bears are killed for their gall bladders, which are considered an aphrodisiac in some eastern countries. Huge sums change hands in this deadly traffic.

The logging camps are under strong North Korean police control. Workers trying to escape are caught by the police and sent home to North Korea, where they simply disappear. According to an agreement between the two countries, North Korean standards of salaries and labor regulations apply for the loggers.

Foreign Minister Kozyrev has repeatedly stated that Russia is not supporting the communist regime of North Korea. Still, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs seemingly has not taken any steps to cancel the agreement since the demise of Russian Communism. The North Korean joint ventures can be seen as part of a much larger Russian system using forced labor for logging operations—a remnant of the Gulag system. Approximately 200,000 Russian prisoners are still living under severe conditions in forestry prison camps. During the last few decades the Ministry of Internal Affairs, which manages the camp system, has been the third biggest timber company in the former USSR.

The organization, the means of operation, and the living and working conditions of the prisoner/workers are still the same as in the bad old days. During the last few years, there has been growing local resistance to the prison camp logging. The Amur region wants the North Korean activities in the region to cease. The "Save the Lower Angara" movement has successfully opposed the activities of one regional prison authority.

—*Taiga News*

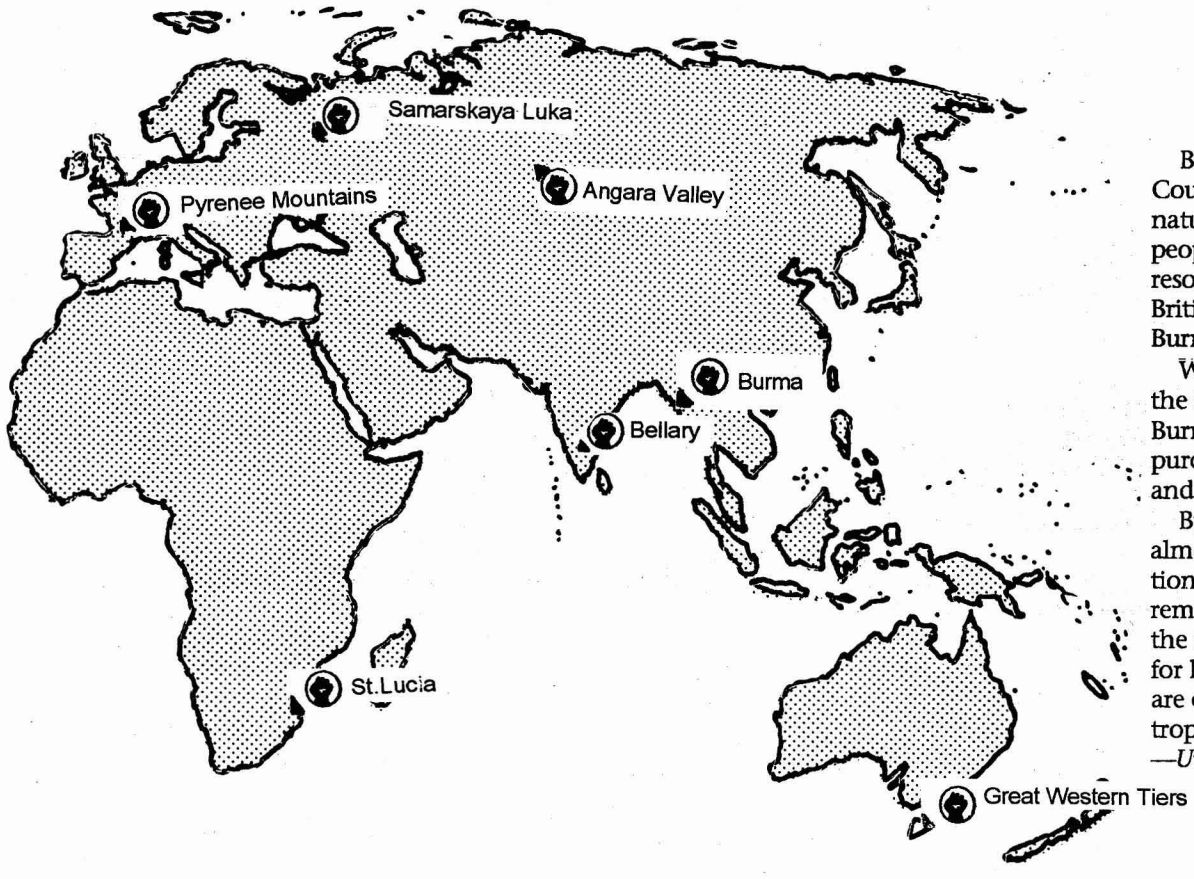
Russians Fight National Park Quarry

Rainbow Keepers, the radical Russian environmental group, launched a campaign of non-violent direct action on July 5 to stop illegal mining in Samarskaya Luka National Park.

From July 6-14, the activists successfully obstructed the explosions on Mogutova Mountain with their constant physical presence. However, on July 13, workers and the militia arrived and confiscated the tents from the camp. The protesters were blocked from entering the quarry site. Two were illegally seized and taken to the militia headquarters. Residents who live nearby have joined with the activists to protest the quarrying.

On July 15, the activists were attacked while attempting to enter the blasting area. Eleven people were injured when they were forcibly removed by quarry workers.

—Institute of Soviet-American Relations



Burma's Oil Profits Pay for Dirty War

Burma's military regime, the State Law and Order Restoration Council (SLORC), is relying on the exploitation of Burma's natural resources to finance the warfare it wages on its own people. In 1988, the regime "began to sell Burma's natural resources like fast food," according to the Burma Action Group, a British human rights organization. One item on this menu is Burma's oil reserves.

With the critical assistance of multinational oil corporations, the SLORC plans to significantly expand oil production in Burma over the next several years to generate foreign currency to purchase weapons. Between 70 and 90% of the profits from oil and gas development will go directly to the military regime.

Burma is a country with a particularly rough terrain and almost no infrastructure to support oil exploration and production. Most of the areas where oil exploration is proceeding remain inaccessible. Many activities require helicopters to bypass the roads and rivers. Forests must thus be cleared to open areas for helipads, base camps, testing sites, and roads. The companies are cutting roads by hand or with bulldozers through virgin tropical rainforests.

—*Utne Reader*

Indian Farmers Attack American Plant

About 100 members of the Karnataka Rajya Raitha Sangha (KRRS), a powerful farmers' association in India, entered and partially demolished sections of a factory owned by Cargill Seeds India Company in a pre-dawn operation on July 12. The plant was scheduled to begin commercial operations in three months.

More than 50 farmers were arrested during the incident at the partially completed seed processing plant in Bellary, 300 km from Bangalore in southern India. The farmers were later released. In Bangalore, Cargill Seeds authorities said "considerable structural damage" estimated at US $15,750 had been caused. This is the second action taken by the movement as part of a campaign targeting all multinational corporations operating in the seed sector. Last year approximately 1,000 farmers gathered at Cargill's offices to demand a ban on the entry of such companies into India. Previously, KRRS activists have destroyed official records in the company's Bangalore office, but no officials were attacked in line with the Sangha's policy of non-violence.

The KRRS, led by law professor Nanjundaswamy, launched its "seed satyagraha" (a "satyagraha" denotes actions of civil disobedience) late last year with the aim of protecting the "rights of farmers to produce, use, modify and conserve seeds."

This fundamental right is under threat from multinational seed companies which see farmers' rights to their own seeds as an obstacle to corporate market expansion.

"Our movement will be intensified, and the farmers will continue to wage a relentless battle against multinationals," said Prof. Nanjundaswamy. He announced the KRRS's intention to destroy the property of multinational corporations operating in Karnataka two months ago. Cargill Seeds, a joint venture of the Delhi-based Tadco Group and Cargill Inc. USA, is constructing seed-processing plants and huge structures in Bellary to store seeds. This latest incident would delay the completion of the project, and Cargill spokespersons have said the company is contemplating legal action.

Reprieve in Tasmanian Conflict

by Tim Cadman, Native Forest Network

The Tasmanian government has postponed forestry operations in the proposed Great Western Tiers National Park (see International News, Litha *EF!J*) after prolonged state, national and international opposition to logging plans for the area. Forestry operations had been planned to commence on June 21 on the expiry of the ministerial consultation period. It seems that the area has become so well known and the national park proposal so broadly supported that the government has been forced to abide by its own "public consultation" rhetoric.

Logging of the unique dry sclerophyll eucalypt forests of the Tiers is still scheduled to begin in January, 1994. Activists can use the momentum to make sure the area is spared the fate of most of Tasmania's forests, which end up as 2.8 million metric tonnes of annual export woodchip quota. The Tasmanian government is currently trying to double this quota and build three new woodchip mills on an island the size of Sri Lanka.

Local activists would like to give a big thank-you! to all of you people out there who sent faxes, did demos and gave Groom a hard time. It worked, for six months at least!

For further information, contact the Native Forest Network, 112 Emu Bay Rd, Deloraine, Tasmania 7304; e-mail peg:cadwood.

Save St. Lucia from Miners

The Campaign for St. Lucia, South African defender of the largest estuary system in Africa, is resisting an invasion by miners as part of its attempt to achieve World Heritage status given to the area.

St. Lucia comprises a 50-kilometer strip of rugged and densely forested sand dunes on South Africa's eastern coast, close to the Mozambique border. There are 1,200 species of fish living amongst the coral reefs offshore and 388 species of indigenous trees cover its slopes. Its lake represents 60% of South Africa's remaining estuaries.

The Richard's Bay Mineral Company, however, has different plans for the area. It wishes to mine for titanium.

Campaigners are appealing to all future and present leaders of South Africa, as well as people of the world, to help them preserve St. Lucia for all time.

Contact the Campaign for St. Lucia, PO Box 53301, Yellowwood Park, 4011, South Africa.

Horror of Wyoming Wildlife Racket

Wyoming's wildlife is being trapped and sold for sport hunting and pet stores. Last summer, one trapper legally took 200 Red Foxes from Wyoming to Indiana to be sold to fox hunting clubs in the eastern US. The live foxes are sold to hounding clubs for "the chase" for $140 each. Wyoming Game and Fish also received a request for a permit for 1000 Bull Snakes per week, to be sold to pet shops at $50 to $80 apiece.

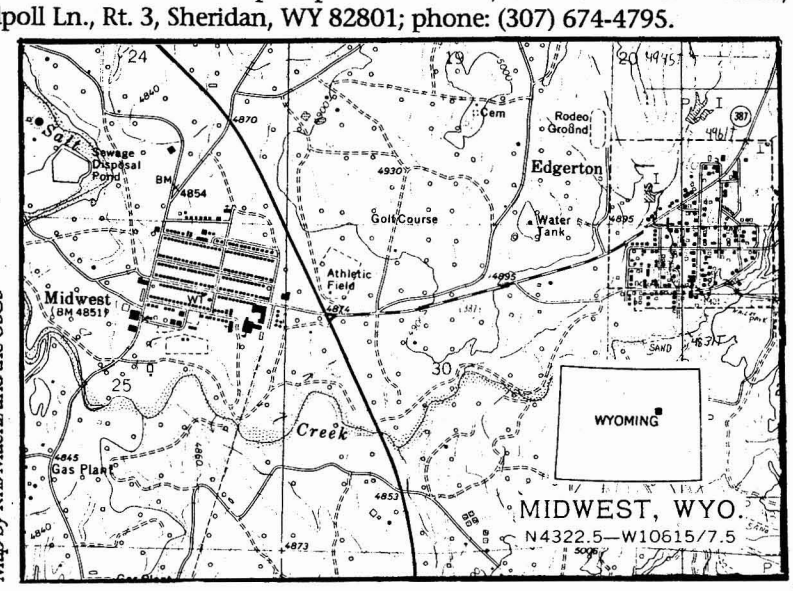
State officials are concerned about a "serious problem with commercialism of non-game wildlife," according to Assistant Chief Game Warden John Talbott, speaking at a meeting of the Wyoming Game and Fish Commission. Other species found to be of commercial interest are Golden-Mantled Ground Squirrels and Thirteen-Lined Ground Squirrels. At least one local population of the rare Midget Faded Rattlesnake has been wiped out. The trappers use a plastic pipe inserted in the snakes' den with its lip hanging over a barrel. The snake crawls up the pipe and falls into the barrel, from which it cannot escape.

The department has drafted regulations to deal with the taking of non-game species for "pecuniary gain or commercial purposes." However, the state legislature has failed to pass stricter laws due to pressure from hunting and trapping interests.

Additionally, the new regulations would apply only to non-game species that are not considered predators, because a state statute specifically allows anyone to kill a predator at any time in any manner. For instance, since foxes are predators, the department cannot stop the trapping and sale of live Wyoming Red Foxes in Indiana. Officials have no way to tell if species are being affected by trade of this sort.

For information to help stop this madness, contact Vistara Parham, 32 Redpoll Ln., Rt. 3, Sheridan, WY 82801; phone: (307) 674-4795.

Ed. note: the Journal has learned that another trapper from Indiana has already trapped 200 foxes this year in Wyoming, with a goal of 500. Rumor has it that the foxes are being held in "a shed near a mine" in the Midwest, WY area. His trap lines run between Midwest and Edgarson,WY, and he ain't just trapping foxes. Wyoming Game and Fish agents are following the bastard, but are legally powerless to stop him.



Map by Kris Maenz and the USGS

USFS Backs Bear Baiting Ban

The US Forest Service (USFS) has agreed to prohibit the use of bait to attract bears for hunting in Wyoming.

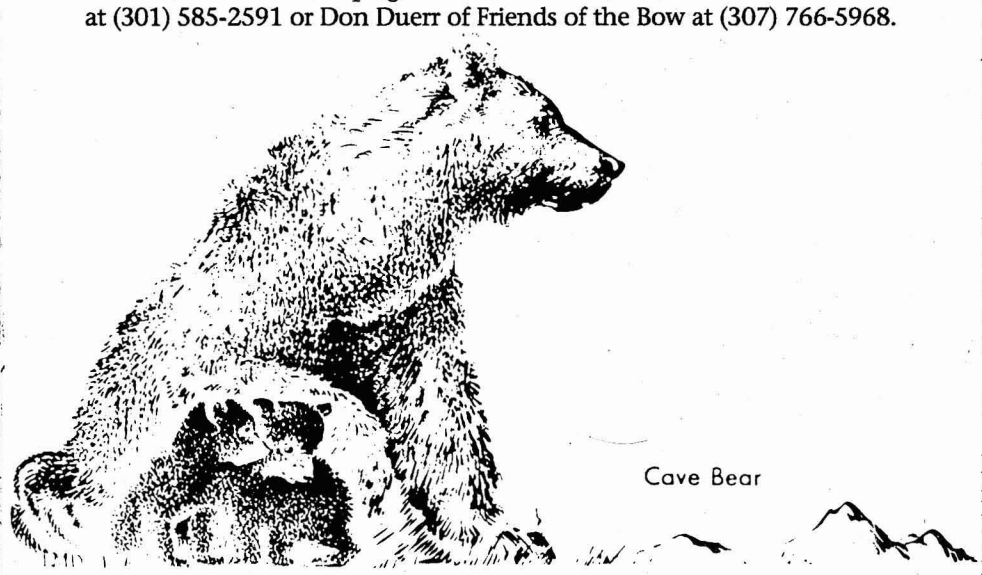
To lure bears to be shot, hunters establish bait stations usually consisting of smelly food such as old pastries, rotten food and dead animals dumped on the forest floor.

The decision by the Forest Service represents a complete reversal which came about only after conservation organizations threatened further litigation. They were supported by the Council on Environmental Quality, a federal office charged with overseeing the implementation of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

During litigation in 1992, the Forest Service agreed to comply with NEPA by assessing the environmental impacts of its plan to allow bear baiting to continue. The subsequent Environmental Assessment found that bear populations were overhunted, but decided to allow baiting to continue. Two conservation groups, Fund for Animals and Friends of the Bow, disagreed. They convinced USFS to change its mind.

The Fund for Animals is continuing in its efforts to get bear baiting banned throughout the country. Bear baiting is still allowed on forests in Alaska, Idaho, Maine, Michigan, Minnesota, New Hampshire, Oregon, Utah, Washington and Wisconsin.

For details of this campaign contact Aaron Medlock of The Fund for Animals at (301) 585-2591 or Don Duerr of Friends of the Bow at (307) 766-5968.



Cave Bear

Prepared by Lois M. Darling

Texas Re-enacts 1918 Bounty Hunting

Texas has enacted House Bill 716 written by Rep. Steve Holzeauser, which reinstates bounty hunting as an incentive to increase the killing of predatory animals. This law, administered and funded at the county level, allows county commissioners to determine which animals are predators and and set bounties at their discretion up to a cap of $20. Species listed in the original law (written in 1918), such as ocelots and jaguarundis, now on the federal endangered species list, and wolves that have long since been wiped out in Texas, had to be deleted to make the bill legal. That leaves cougars, bobcats, coyotes, javalinas, rattlesnakes, and, seemingly, anything else county commissioners deem as predatory. Another archaic law draining taxpayer dollars.
Reprinted from Wildlife Damage Review

WUEF! News from the Great Basin

Utah Animals Delisted!

The Utah Legislature passed a bill delisting the Marmot, Red Fox and Skunk. All three species may be killed by any means at any time of the year by anyone, including by spotlighting at night, pending county approval.

The Three Jims

In April, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) in Utah was directed to tell Animal Damage Control (ADC) to halt all predator control on BLM districts without Environmental Assessments in place (see story in the past two issues of the *Journal*). In the instruction from BLM Director Jim Parker to ADC Director Jim Winnatt, an unobsequious addition allows for the killing of predators "in the event that emergency livestock situations develop." In a few short months in 1989, requests for emergency control resulted in the death of 232 coyotes. The Utah Wilderness Association has been lobbying BLM National Director Jim Baca about the abuses on BLM land. WUEF! expects Baca to take action soon. Please write to WUEF! if you have any information on similar abuses in your state. We are trying to get an idea of how widespread these violations are.

Hunt Ban Effort Switches to Utah Cougars

Utah passed legislation prohibiting the spring Black Bear hunt, so activists will concentrate on stopping the hounding and killing of North America's largest wild cat, the Mountain Lion. 500 hunting permits a year have been issued in the past to hunt Mountain Lion, yet no one knows how many animals reside in Utah. Efforts will focus on the August hearing of the Utah Wildlife Board.
—Wild Utah Earth First!

Farmers, Ranchers Defend Sweetgrass Hills

The Sweetgrass Hills of northern Montana have held a deep cultural and spiritual significance to Native people for centuries. Today, many farmers and ranchers of the area share respect for the hills, if only as a vital source of water and as a unique habitat and landscape. As steward of the Sweetgrass Hills, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has recognized their extraordinary nature with an Area of Critical Environmental Concern designation.

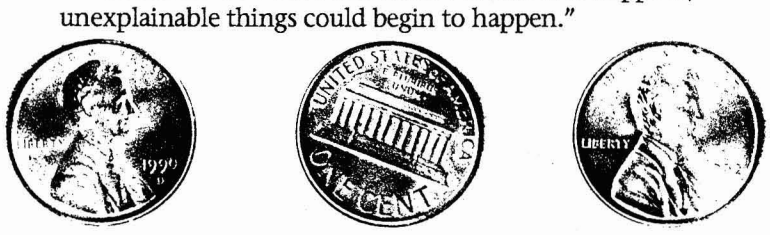
In the spring of 1992, Manhattan Minerals Ltd. of Canada and E.K. Lehmann Associates submitted an operations plan to the BLM's Lewiston District Officer for mineral exploration activities. The proposed plan includes the construction of nearly six miles of roads and 38 separate drill sites on East Butte, one of the three distinct Sweetgrass Buttes. Completion of an Environmental Assessment (EA) in July, 1992, determined that an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) was needed before any mineral activity in the hills could be authorized.

Seven months later, BLM issued its "Royal East Joint Venture Exploration Project Sweetgrass Hills Draft EIS," recommending approval. Except for two pages of new analysis, the document is essentially identical to the EA.

No effort was made in the EIS to assess the importance of the hills as a unique, and intact entity, nor were the possible consequences of mineral exploration leading to development considered. With Montana's largest heap leach gold mine, Zortmann-Landusky, which literally reshaped a portion of the Little Rocky Mountains, not far to the east, citizens felt it was not unreasonable to expect BLM to consider the potential consequences of opening the Sweetgrass Hills to mineral exploration.

Three scoping hearings were heard on the draft EIS in March 1993. Of 180 people attending, only one spoke favorably of any mining activity in the Sweetgrass Hills. Opposition expressed by both the Native American and farming and ranching communities has been overwhelming and unequivocal. County commissioners from three area counties have formally passed resolutions supporting a moratorium on any mineral exploration while a groundwater survey is underway.

Chippewa-Cree Elder Art Raining Bird had wider-reaching damnation of the project: "No one ever thought they'd be excavating there. It's as if they're going to take down the shrine meant for Native Americans. If that ever happens, unexplainable things could begin to happen."



Massive Copper Mine Planned Near Mt. Graham

A coalition of environmental groups has appealed a Bureau of Land Management Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and decision to allow the construction of a massive new copper mine near Safford, Arizona. The mine would threaten a federal endangered fish, the Razorback Sucker, and violate the water rights of two American Indian tribes.

Azco Mining Company anticipates extracting 56 million pounds of copper annually, ultimately totaling one billion pounds. Challenging the mine are the Southwest Center for Biological Diversity, based in Phoenix, Arizona; the Mineral Policy Center of Durango, Colorado; and the Greater Gila Biodiversity Project of Silver City, New Mexico.

The appeal states that the BLM violated the Endangered Species Act by not entering into formal consultation with the US Fish and Wildlife Service. The Gila River, adjacent to the proposed mine, was designated earlier this year as critical habitat for the Razorback Sucker. The BLM ignored requests by the FWS to analyze possible threats to the sucker.

"This kind of flagrant abuse has made Arizona fishes the most endangered in North America," said Peter Galvin, conservation biologist for the Greater Gila Biodiversity Project.

The appeal also states that the mine will violate the water rights of downstream users, especially the San Carlos Apache and the Gila Indian Community, who were not even notified that an EIS was being prepared.

For more information, contact Kieran Suckling, Director, Greater Gila Biodiversity Project, PO Box 742, Silver City, NM 88062; phone: (505) 538-0961.

Condor Fried on Power Lines

BY DAVE COLLINS

A year after its release into the wild, a California Condor was killed in May when it attempted to land on a 17,000-volt power line near Fillmore, CA, south of the Sespe Condor Sanctuary in the Los Padres National Forest. According to witnesses, the Condor was attempting to land on the power line when it lost altitude and its body touched one line and one of its wings touched another.

In the same area, on June 12, a year-old female Condor was found on a highway east of Fillmore where the other Condor was electrocuted. This recent death was caused by "collision trauma," according to a US Fish and Wildlife Service (USF&WS) spokesperson. This fatality is the third since 1992, when eight Condors were released into the Los Padres National Forest. In addition to the two power lines fatalities, another died after ingesting antifreeze.

In 1987, there were only 27 Condors known to exist. Hunting, poisoning, loss of habitat, and accidental kills contributed to its near-extinction (see *Eostar 87*).

There are now seventy-six California Condors, only six of which are wild. The Condor has been the subject of a $25 million program led by the USF&W, which involves breeding the birds at the Los Angeles Zoo and at the San Diego Wild Animal Park for reintroduction into the wild.

In an ironic move, federal biologists are making noises about taking "aggressive" action to "deter" the five remaining Condors in the Condor Sanctuary from encounters with human-made objects. They cited the main problems as the birds' "lack of experience and strength."

My, what an enlightened viewpoint! And such a *simple* solution! All they need to do is to teach those Condors *not* to fly into all those nasty power lines out there (which are *so crucial* to human "progress"), and everything will be just *fine*.

Hopefully, the day will come when power lines no longer cut a swath across the sky.

(ed. note: How about knocking down the goddamn power lines?)

Cape Cod Earth First?

A Provincetown environmental activist planted a sapling at Fort Hill yesterday to protest a National Park Service tree-clearing project there.

Ranger Lloyd Oja, who had been burning brush at the site, yanked the offending evergreen from its foot-deep hole and warned Peter Souza he couldn't dig holes on federal property.

Souza and Julie Trzcinski, members of Provincetown Earth First!, also held up protest signs at the entrance to the Fort Hill lower parking lot. Souza's sign said, "Now showing, the Fort Hill Chainsaw Massacre." Trzcinski's asserted "The Cape needs all its trees."

The Park Service has cut down three acres of Black Locust to get rid of hurricane-damaged trees and to restore the area to pasture land, as it was in the 19th century, according to Chief Interpretive Ranger Frank Ackerman. Tree-clearing is also planned for another three to five acres directly behind the historic Captain Penniman House at Fort Hill.

Cape Cod National Seashore Superintendent Andrew Ringgold said Souza's actions may violate two sections of Park Service regulations, one related to the tree-planting and the other for demonstrating without a permit.

Although Ringgold said he is sensitive to the issue of first amendment rights that guarantee citizens the right to demonstrate, he said federal agencies are allowed to regulate where and when protests may be carried out.

"Our concern is the protection of resources and avoidance of interference with operations," Ringgold said.

Compiled from an article from the Cape Cod Times

Livermore Lab Shut Down by Mass Action

A coalition of peace and environmental groups, homeless activists, Western Shoshone leaders, atomic veterans and downwinders, religious leaders and a Livermore citizens group recently joined together to take direct action at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory and seize vacant homes in Oakland. 5700 people marched at Livermore.

The events June 5-7 called for no resumption of nuclear weapons testing on Western Shoshone land in Nevada, the conversion of Livermore Laboratory from nuclear weapons testing, research and design to meeting human and environmental needs and the conversion of the military budget to homes and jobs. Simultaneous protests took place in France, Britain, Holland, Belgium and Toronto, Canada.

"We have to stand together if we are to think of surviving for the next few hundred years," said Western Shoshone leader Corbin Harney. "We today had to unite together as a people in order to have a cleaner world, cleaner water and cleaner air.... We're the ones that should be taking care of Mother Earth. Mother Earth is very important to us—this is where our food comes from, this is where our air comes from, our water comes from. Livermore—where they make the heart of the bomb—is the one we have to stop."

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An Interview with Lauri Maddy

BY GENE LAWHORN

Lauri Maddy is an environmental activist with the Prairie Women's Environmental Action Coalition. She lives in Rose Hill, Kansas. When she and her family became seriously ill, they suspected the neighboring plant operated by Vulcan Chemical Industries. When she lost her lawsuit against the company, she was cross-sued for expenses, and the company has threatened to file another suit for $2 million in damages. As a result of her activism, she has become a target of death threats and extensive harassment.

Gene Lawhorn met Lauri Maddy in 1991 at a conference of harassed environmental activists at the Highlander Research and Education Center in Tennessee. This interview was conducted this spring.

Gene: Lauri, I recall in a conversation with you at Highlander that you said your group was mostly made up of women. Is that still the case?

Lauri: Yes, the women of course are the strongest!

Gene: The involvement of mainly women in environmental activism, especially toxic issues, I've found to be very widespread, especially in the eastern US. Why is this ?

Lauri: Because all of our lives we were taught to be nurturing and caring. So when our children are being attacked, and it's our children who suffer the brunt of this thing, a woman's claws come out, and she'll fight for what's hers. She'll go to her grave to protect them. We can look at our situation and our generation and say we can live with this, but when they go for our babies, that's our life's blood. So it's the women who become the strongest activists, and it's the women who won't compromise.

A man will, and I'm not saying that's the case with all men. A man who is not enlightened will go in and be extremely technical, he will go into a technical arena and never deal with emotions. Unfortunately a chemical company will hire a paid whore to go up against your technical expert. A woman will go up and say I'm hurting, your doing this to my family, and we're breathing so much of this pollutant and we know this causes this or that, I feel like you're killing me. We can do this without them being able to hire a psychologist or psychotherapist to dispute what we say. They don't have any way to counter it.

Gene: So women put heart and emotion into what the chemical companies would like to keep technical?

Lauri: Yes, exactly.

Gene: Lauri, could you give me a historical background on your fight with Vulcan Chemicals and how the threats and harassment against you began?

Lauri: The harassment began the first day I got started. My actual first time I ever got up and spoke in a public forum was on August 24, 1984. I spoke out because I had severe health problems, and I didn't know why. Matter of fact I had just gotten out of the hospital, again. After I spoke about my health problems I was immediately attacked. Shortly after that I really became active and started investigating all the chemicals, what they were doing, what they were making, and the process they were using. I started asking more questions than anyone ever wanted anyone to ask. That was when the workers of the plant started calling me. At first they weren't real abusive. They'd call and say, "If you keep on pushing on this we're gonna come over to your house and eat off your plates, and steal the food out of your kids' mouths." Then a couple of months later they started trying to run me off the road. I knew it was Vulcan employees because I knew the people.

Also right after the hearing a few of my neighbors came up to ask me if I knew anything about Vulcan Chemical. I said no, I really don't. They said let's form a group to investigate them and I said, okay, great. Our first organization was called Neighbors Against Pollution. Our acronym was NAP, because we weren't going to sleep though this anymore. I found out they made pentachlorophenol, which is contaminated with dioxin. This is the only plant which makes it because of the dioxin content. I also found out they had a liquid-injected PCB incinerator that had no permit.

Oh god, you name it, we discovered it. We found a 41.6-acre landfill which was leaking. We found all three aquifers underneath that area were contaminated. Vulcan had put in interceptor wells which had formed a cone of depression that depleted the farm irrigation of that area. We found that the water had been drawn off-site by a huge irrigation well actually against the migration pattern. We found communities where people were drinking the water contaminated with chemicals that Vulcan knew were leaking underneath their home into their wells.

After that point we started comparing the health effects. We found that out of our small group of 28 people, eight of us had children with severe seizure patterns. My middle child was one of them. We discovered the majority of our children had severe headaches and would bleed out their noses and mouths. We found... oh god, it's all hard to remember, and painful, too.

We started comparing everything we had learned in that area and we became a fairly viable force. Vulcan kept denying responsibility and saying it was Raycon Chemical's fault, and Raycon would say it was Vulcan. Then we neighbors decided to keep an ambient wind pattern chart. Whenever the fumes would blow in our direction we'd write the health effects on us and our children on the calendar. One time the plant had an accident where toxic fly ash blew in our direction. As a result my husband got a real bad headache. I ended up in the hospital where I had to have 19 spinal taps to drain the fluid from my brain.

We never realized the real long-term effects on my husband until a couple of years ago when he had a stroke at 38 years old, and he has brain lesions from neurotoxins. All three of our children have neurotoxin damage and are immunosuppressed.

Oh man—we discovered mutated cattle. Our grapes and fruit trees would no longer produce. The eggs of our ducks, geese and chickens would no longer hatch. Whenever the wind blew in our direction we would often find dead birds in our yard. My doctors finally told me I'd have to move or I'd die.

Gene: Let's talk a little more about the harassment.

Lauri: I've learned the best thing a harassment victim can do is become national. To work with national groups, to constantly connect yourself. With the national standing I have now I don't get near the harassment I used to. Right before I met you at Highlander in the fall of 1991 was one of the worst experiences I've had. I was coming from a public involvement meeting and a white truck with black tinted windows tried to run me off the viaduct, which is a 60-foot overpass, and that was real scary.

Gene: Didn't someone kill your dog?

Lauri: Well, we found one dead in the swimming pool, and the other dog was shot in the back with a 357 mag, but she survived.

Gene: To your knowledge did anybody do any studies on the effects of the workers or the wildlife in that area?

Lauri: No! But we screamed for the federal government, the EPA, and the state government to come in and do some type of health study. But they refused because they said this was a very sparsely populated rural community. But Gene, this very sparsely populated rural community is the heartland of dairyland. We supply several states with milk from the cattle that live on the fence line of that damned plant!

Gene: Makes one frightened to drink milk.

Lauri: Yeah, especially since it's bioaccumulative.

Gene: You mentioned another chemical company which Vulcan was blaming for the local health problems. What was their name and how many do they employ?

Lauri: Well, it was Raycon. Now it's called Alvedo Chem. It's a French Company which is the second largest producer of CFCs in the world. They employ about 300 that they contract out for Vulcan, who employs about 700 people. Vulcan owns about 4,000 acres next to Alvedo Chem. Alvedo was placed next to Vulcan because Vulcan produces all five feed stock compounds for all CFC producers in the US. Next to them is also Garvy Grain, which is the world's largest grain elevator. It was placed there strategically also to use Vulcan chemicals as fumigants.

Gene: These feed grains are treated with chemicals?

Lauri: Fumigants, carbon tetrachloride and phosgene gas.

Gene: What is the purpose of these fumigants?

Lauri: It's to kill insects, rats, mice, etc. that get into the huge grain bins.

Gene: That's really scary! So far these toxic poisons have been getting into the milk, now the grains that are supposed to be so healthy for us. Are these chemicals known carcinogens?

Lauri: Yes they are! One is even outlawed through chemical warfare protocol clear back in World War II, which is phosgene gas. Eighty percent of the phosgene gas produced in the world is produced in my backyard.

Gene: I sure would be interested in what a chemical analysis of that milk looks like. Has anyone done that?

Lauri: No! I've begged and begged the EPA to do one. They refuse to do one. I think I'm finally going to have one done myself. It's kind of hard for me to do right now because one of the families which was one of our strongest activists was gagged on their settlement. He and I have gone around and around on that.

Gene: That's something I'll never understand, a gag order. It seems like that goes against the right of free speech.

Lauri: Well it does, and that's why I fired my attorney. I filled the first cast; it was Maddy vs. Vulcan et al. After that 28 other people amended under me. At that time our lawyer went back to us and said, "Everybody shut up." I said, "Fuck you!" You know, if I shut up I've lost my integrity. I refuse to do that. I want the whole world to know what Vulcan Chemical is doing. Well, the others shut up and we parted ways. The lawyers for Vulcan told me if I didn't shut up they'd sue me for millions, and I said, "Hey, go ahead, what are you gonna take? My lungs are shot, my heart is shot. Go ahead!"

Gene: How close do you live to the plant now?

Lauri: I live about 15 miles in a totally opposite direction from which the wind blows. My doctor actually chose where I could live.

Gene: I have to tell you that I find all of this totally amazing and a little unbelievable that this is going on in the bread basket of the US.

Lauri: Right now Kansas is what I call a throwaway state, and that is because our environmental laws are so lax. We are making some of the deadliest known chemicals to man right here. We have more cement kilns than any other state. We have huge landfills that go unregulated. We have the only licensed dioxin incinerator in the nation, and it all goes on because our environmental laws are so lax.

Gene: What is the union at Vulcan? Is it the Oil, Chemical and Atomic Workers or what?

Lauri: No, hell no! God, if it was OCAW I wouldn't have to worry so much. It's the Operating Engineers. I work real well with the OCAW union in Gismer, which is organized in the ugly stepsister to this Vulcan plant close to where I live. We exchange a lot of useful information with each other. I've taken dioxin breathing zones to the Operating Engineers and told them what their workers were breathing, and they kicked me out of their office. They're real nasty.

You know, Gene, I've had workers call and tell me this, and now upper management admits to this—they have a VCR tape they show to the new hires at Vulcan about me. On who I am and how to avoid me.

Gene: Whew! Vulcan seems to be really frightened of what you have to say.

Lauri: Yeah! They are and I'm glad! But they have another one of me they show whenever that have to do layoffs or cutbacks, and they tell the workers this woman is the reason you are getting laid off. This is the reason you can't support your families. Well you know of course the workers are going to be pissed off and come after me. They even have a Lauri Maddy of the week cartoon where they have a character drawing of me doing some hellacious thing, and they put it on all the bulletin boards.

Gene: I recall reading something about you handcuffing yourself to the governor's chair. Tell me about the reason behind that.

Lauri: The reason I did that was because I learned Vulcan in conjunction with the federal government had what they called an "acceptable risk factor" of one in a thousand people, which meant the government said it was okay to die . I became very furious because the agencies which were formed to protect us were not protecting us, but were protecting the chemical plants. So I wanted for one day for our government structure to be as uncomfortable in their environment as I was in mine every day of my life. So I went to the Governor's office who wasn't there, so I said I'll wait and handcuffed myself to his chair.

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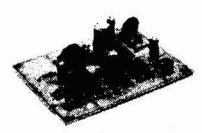

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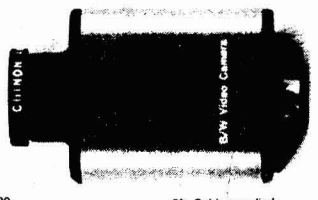

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Before that we had a rally outside, then 20 people went in with me. Theywere my spokespeople and support group. I took a vow of silence, then handed them a note to be released, which said something to the effect of, "Consider me a hazardous waste. You cannot remove me, there is no place to take me," and so on. My point was I am a toxic chemical. I cannot hear, I cannot see you. The only thing I can do is set here and make you worry every minute of your life. That lasted for five and a half hours. I finally broke my vow of silence when 17 officers came in and drew their weapons on me.

Gene: They drew their guns on you?

Lauri: Yes. They pulled their guns out because they were so intimidated by this 4'11" woman. I broke the vow of silence when the governor went into another office and slammed his door. I said, "You know, it's really fine that you, the governor, can go into your office, shut the door and ignore me, but we can't ignore the fumes and the problems you have created by your laws. We can't slam our doors. There are no magic barriers for us." So they went from there and called in the Kansas bureau of the FBI and brought in some handcuff keys. Then escorted me off with an officer on each arm and kicked me out of the State Capitol.

People like myself will be in this fight for the long haul. There will not be a day that goes by in our lives that we don't continue the fight.

Gene: Lauri, you once mentioned to me about Kansas and another state being a repository for other states' toxic waste, and how environmentalists were perpetuating this problem.

Lauri: Yes, this is a big bone of contention with me. A lot of environmental organizations don't even realize this. There are two states in the US which take Superfund waste—Kansas and Alabama. Alabama landfills it, Kansas incinerates it. When environmentalists in a community that's been contaminated scream, "Clean it up, clean it up!"—well, stop and think about Kansas and Alabama. Because we get that waste.

Gene: Any closing statements you'd like to make?

Lauri: Well, there is a theory I'd like to share. There are two types of people who come to this movement. One is your ignorant and one is your intelligent. The people who come through ignorance are people like myself who did not know what was going on, but were thrown into a situation that we had no control over. Now the people who come through intelligence are the people who had the foresight and wisdom to know that Mother Earth is in great peril, and they want to save Mother Earth. I have more respect for the people who come through intelligence because they didn't have to take up the fight like people like myself. We had to take up the fight; it's the only way we had to survive. We *had* to take up the fight. We are fighting for our children, we're fighting for the next generation. People like myself will be in this fight for the long haul. There will not be a day that goes by in our lives that we don't continue the fight.

Environmental Activists Organize Against Harassment

By Gene Lawhorn

Harassment, threats and violence have been a historical reality for anyone in this nation who speaks out against social injustice. US elites have a long and very bloody track record of using violence to silence labor, civil rights and Native American activists. In the last decade environmentalists have increasingly become targets of violence. While many activists are somewhat familiar with social injustice history and aware of the risk involved in their work, it is one thing to read about murdered labor activists like the Haymarket martyr Joe Hill, or nuclear whistle-blower Karen Silkwood, but quite another thing to find yourself shot at, run off the road by a logging truck, bombed or threatened because of your environmental activism.

On June 4 a small group of about 29 victims of violence and harassment gathered at the Highlander Research Center in New Market, Tennessee for a three-day workshop on harassment of environmentalists.

The Highlander Center has a long history. It was started by Miles Horton in the fall of 1932 as a "folk school" offering community-based education for working people. In the early days Highlander organized labor unions for the Congress of Industrial Organization (CIO) but in the 1950s shifted its focus to the civil rights movement. Highlander facilitated "citizenship schools" in which African-Americans learned to read and write well enough to pass the literacy exams designed to deny them equality. Well-known civil rights leaders such as Rosa Parks, Septima Clark, and Martin Luther King were frequent guests.

Since the 1970s Highlander has focused on environmental issues. The Center conducts "STP Schools" (STP means different things to different people who participate: Stop The Pollution, Share The Pain, Start The Party, Save The Planet) meant to empower citizens to create an environmental movement that will, in the words of Highlander historian Frank Adams, "alter economic and political power relationships to the advantage of the poor and powerless."

The first night of the workshop, a few participants complained of bad headaches and nausea. The next day several people, especially those who were chemically sensitive, were too sick to get out of bed.

Some people speculated that the wind was probably carrying fungicide spray from the tobacco fields not far from the Center. Watching a helicopter fly over the Center brought to mind stories about farm workers organizing in the field being intentionally sprayed with pesticides by helicopters.

Despite the fact that illness forced some to leave early, we still were able to conduct a valuable workshop. Subjects we addressed included the media, attempting to define what constitutes harassment, precautions harassed activists should take, and creating a harassment report repository and support network.

Much time was spent on discussing participants' experiences, and their perceptions of the corporate news media. Several people felt that activists should "market themselves" for publicity's sake. Some of us objected strongly to that approach. Larry Wilson, Highlander Facilitator, pointed out the fact that the news media are not only puppets of corporations, but the voices of big business interests.

The following recommendations are for activists who perceive themselves to be the victims of harassment:

PRECAUTIONS

1. Document all threats and harassment incidents.
2. Acquire all witnesses' names.
3. Where available, get "Caller ID", a service that tells you of the phone numbers of all incoming calls.
4. Take pictures of any people you suspect are following you, and let them see you taking the pictures.
5. Report every incident to police, and ask for a copy of the report.
6. Convoy on trips and watch each other's backs.
7. Make sure your car has plenty of gas, and keep it well maintained.

It was resolved that Lauri Maddy would build the harassment report repository out of her home in Rose Hill, Kansas. Cathy Grandfield, an environmental activist with experience in both being harassed and working as a crisis intervention specialist, volunteered to provide counseling for harassed activists.

A harassment support network is forming to ensure that the repository is effective. When a call about ongoing harassment comes in, the network will be alerted. Activists in the network will then call or write to the appropriate law enforcement agencies and to the legislative representatives of the harassed activist. We will let these officials know the eyes of America are watching them and will hold them accountable if anything happens to the activist(s).

In every state in the US there are whole communities of people, as well as wildlife, that are being poisoned. The families which live in these communities are dying a slow painful death. When some of these people dare to speak out they are attacked, harassed, and ostracized. We are all fighting the same battle to stop the destruction of our wilderness areas, rivers, air and earth. For some, the fight is a great deal more personal. They are literally fighting for their lives.

Gene Lawhorn is a laid-off millworker with an old-growth chip on his shoulder.

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More Bloody Letters to the Editor

Dear editors:

There I was in mid-foreplay, heart racing and breathless. Despite that moment of passion with my partner, I was ready, yessiree. I reached for my diaphragm, just like Kelpie Wilson told me to in her population article "Enough Already!" (Litha *EF!J*) Like me, my partner isn't one to take chances with disease and all, so while I grabbed my little UFO, he reached for a condom.

But suddenly I remembered Jim Flynn's warning about plastic, printed in the very same issue of the *Journal:* "The obvious answer is to STOP BUYING PLASTIC IN ANY FORM."

"Gadzooks!" I cried to my impassioned partner. "Hey, did you pay money for that pink and green polka-dotted condom you're unwrapping?"

"Well, uh, yeah," he stammered.

"Damn, I paid for this diaphragm, too." I was crestfallen; he was starting to look a bit droopy as well.

In a flash I leaped out of bed. Far be it for *me* to use these evil items. As my concerned partner inquired, "What's the matter, dear?" I recalled Jim's words about plastic's "highly toxic manufacturing process."

"We can't use that stuff!" I shouted at my lover. "It's the scourge of the Earth! It's killing our planet!"

"Hmm," he replied. "This is becoming decidedly unfun. Hey, where are you going?"

"I'll be back with something more appropriate. Please be patient, darling." I padded upstairs and by candlelight found my knitting needles and the unbleached wool yarn produced from self-actualized sheep who had been fed only organic grass. Frantically, getting goose bumps all over my chilled naked body, I cast on, counting stitches.

"Hmm," I said, "I wonder how big I need to make this." My knitting guides didn't have stitch counts for a penis. I took my best guess and went to work as fast as I could, making sure my stitches were so tight that no little spermies were going to make it through.

Enthusiastically, I burst into the bedroom to display my creation, shouting "Ta-da!"

Alas, my lover had slipped out the window leaving only this note behind: "Honey, I love you, but you're just too damn weird."

So, dear editors, I hope you will soon premier an advice column for the ecologically confused.

With apologies to Mr. Boone,

—Beverly

Dear SFB and the greater impeccable public,

The Litha issue was very rich. Having just absorbed Scott Greacen's report on the bioholocaust in BC, my heart soared upon reading Mick Womersley's fiery words in his analysis of speciesism. But I'm not sure labeling anyone a nazi will help matters much, and I would have liked to see more of the blame shifted to us resisters, with or without spines; who wittingly or not help plunder the Earth.

How can we expect the oil companies to stop selling gas when we are still buying it? How does petrochemical pollution drop when we continue to buy plastic? How can we expect farms to go organic when we are still buying their giant, shiny, perfectly red, fertilized, pest-controlled apples? Every bite of a hamburger is a vote for the mindless machinery of exploitation and death that eats up diversity and spits out deforestation, soil erosion and water pollution.

Us resisters still need more information on how to more fully resist, in body, speech and mind. When enough of us are living our convictions, modeling the way for yet others, most of these greedy, ignorant bastards will simply go out of business. Our children might ask us what we did, but they will definitely notice the evidence of our complicity.

Resistantly,

—Allan Hunt Badiner

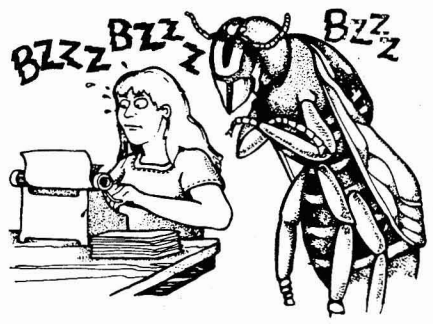
Dearest Shit Fer:

I read with interest the letter from Mouse that Roars in the recent Litha issue. While I agree with some of Mouse's sentiments, the following strikes me as ludicrous: "I love the Sea Shepherds. If they could only lose Watson at sea, they'd have a better chance of getting a broader base of support, than alienating themselves from foes."

Like it or not, the two are inextricably linked. Paul Watson is Sea Shepard: he made it, he has sustained it throughout the years, and without him the group would not survive, methinks. A line from Yeats comes to mind, "How can we know the dancer from the dance."

Regards,

—Alfred Dexter, Chicago



Dear EF! Journal & Readers,

I don't care whether you consume 20 pounds of beef a day and piss out coors beer or if you are a radical, Clinton votin', gay vegan. Whether you drive a big 4 x 4 or hitchhike naked in the rain. Whether you hang a banner in front of the TV crew or set fire to bulldozers. Or whether you punch some eco-fucker's teeth in or just fart in their general direction. Why, you ask? Because we're all on the same ship. We all want the same thing. So let's do lunch. You don't have to be my buddy. Let's just talk business.

Your Ally,

—L.C.

Oh yea. Lets hear it for Casey Egan!!

Hi Earth First! Crew,

A note in explanation of why the action at Willow Creek drainage in the Bridger-Teton was cancelled and what I did anyway on July 1st.

My source of information did not inform me as to when the action was cancelled. I found out after I'd submitted the action alert.

So as not to disappoint anyone who showed up for the action, I walked to the drill site. This was quite an experience. At the heli-pad I was greeted by an armed guard and told I would not be allowed to drive any further. I parked and hiked a trail to the upper "road." This road was actually a wilderness trail which Chevron is in the process of grading into a full-use truck road. There were numerous survey stakes and much activity in the area.

I am giving this info to a local group, the Jackson Hole Alliance, which has stated they will file a suit on this travesty to our Earth.

I sincerely hope no one was inconvenienced by the cancellation.

Keep in touch for further actions in Jackson.

—Diane Reimer

Hey Crap in the Cranium,

Here's my sub money. I let it go too long, being a sluggard and general all-around slouch-about. But I figger the rag will need some cash for the transition. People need to cough up and keep subscriptions coming in and have faith in whoever takes over if the *Journal* is to survive transition!

—R. Restless

Dear Tribe,

Greg Gordon's comments on the causes of overpopulation ("Malthus was Wrong," Beltane 1993) requires a response. I agree that overpopulation is a symptom of a much greater problem. But it is not a symptom of some social ill. Overpopulation is a result of abundance. It is the abundance created by the industrial age that has allowed the human population to explode.

Natural procreation patterns have remained intact while natural limiting processes have been curtailed. We have beaten back starvation by employing ancient sunlight in the form of fossil fuels to greatly enhance agriculture. We have refined techniques to allow a growing dominance of the natural world for our own use. We have developed medical technology that allows us to step out of the natural processes, disease, etc., that normally keep populations under control. And yet we cling to reproduction habits formed in a time when survival to reproductive age was not likely.

This fate has become primitive and indigenous cultures too. [sic.] See Paul S. Martin's article on early North American nomadic cultures (p. 29, *Wild Earth,* Winter 92/93). (You might want to examine my comments in addendum, p. 29, *Wild Earth,* Spring 93.) And just as before, the environmental crisis, and the eventual collapse of the abundance is due primarily, to our failure to resist the temptation to expand our numbers when the going is easy. The problem is that we are doing too well.

And so our numbers expand. No matter how we reorder civilization or alter our lifestyles, that expansion has a physical limit, which we probably have already passed (overshoot).

It is not just ridiculous but dangerous to assume that more primitive cultures may somehow be excused from the tyrannical certainty of mathematical truth. Sorry, Malthus was right.

I am grateful for your consideration of my thoughts.

Sincerely yours,

—Henry Bruse
235 Travis Dr.
Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54495

TESTIMONY SUBMITTED TO BRUCE BABBITT
SECRETARY OF INTERIOR
MAY 5, 1993

Mr. Secretary:

A major business deal prevents me from appearing in person today: I'm bidding on the Earth First! beer concession for their 1993 Rendezvous.

As a leader in the business community, I'd like to present some very serious arguments regarding the fees for grazing livestock on public lands.

This part of the country owes its character to the noble rancher. If it wasn't for him, with the government's help, the West would still be wild with grizzly bears, wolves, and Indians. Thanks to bullets and poisons, the once Wild West can now be called the Mild West.

The current grazing management practices need to be changed. Cows and sheep should be managed to create public lands which have a "fresh-mowed" look. Scientists have proven that grasses with maximum similarity have a calming effect on people; it's called the Parallel Pasture Effect (PPE). Why do you think that golf is so popular? And dandelions the scourge of so many suburbanites?

I propose that we lower the grazing fees for any allotment which passes the putter test. Specially trained federal employees would measure PPE by determining how easy it is to sink a thirty foot putt on the allotment.

In order to help provide the political will to enact the PPE plan, the federal government must expand the concept of ownership of public lands. In the past, this concept has worked to the detriment of the rancher. An employee at K-Mart has had as much of a voice on public lands issues as a cowboy. This must change.

I propose that livestock be given equal weight with people when considering who owns the public lands. Livestock have an intrinsic right to graze unmolested until being led to the slaughterhouse. I guarantee you that cows and sheep prefer to be chewing on the public lands throughout the West, in compliance with the local Parallel Pasture Effect management plan, striving to get the grass perfect enough to enable that thirty foot or even thirty-five foot!! putt.

Please consider all of the above points very seriously, and include them in the record of your inquiry. If I can be of further help, don't hesitate to ask; I'll have one of my people talk to your people.

Very truly yours,

Richard Wordsworth Business, III — Michael Lee Stabler

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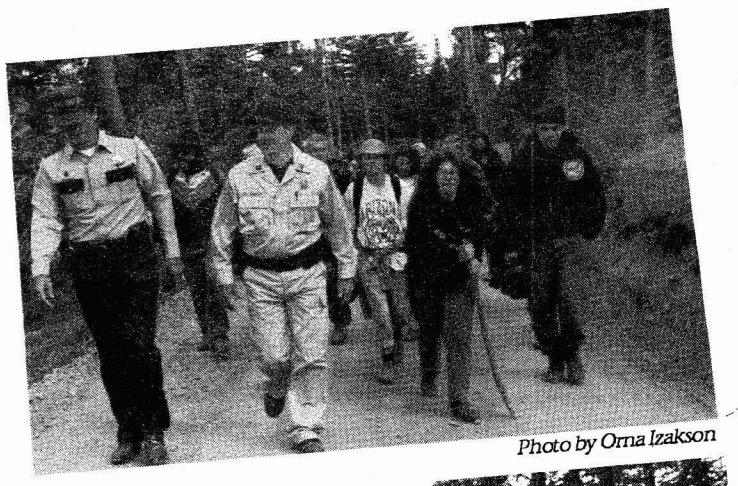

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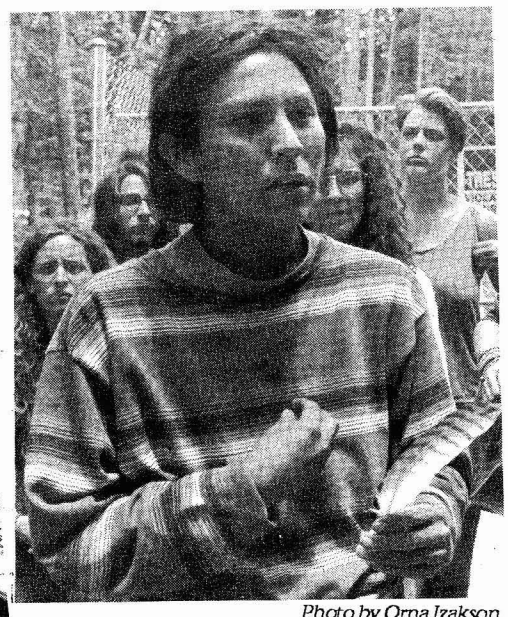

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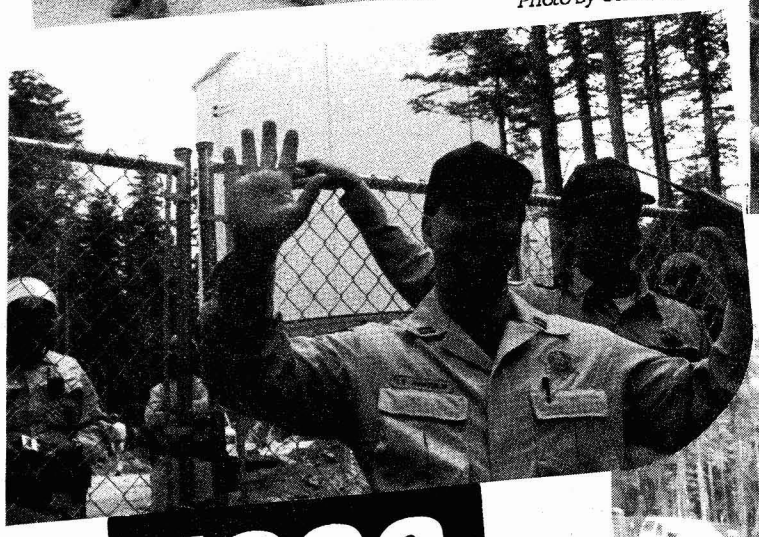

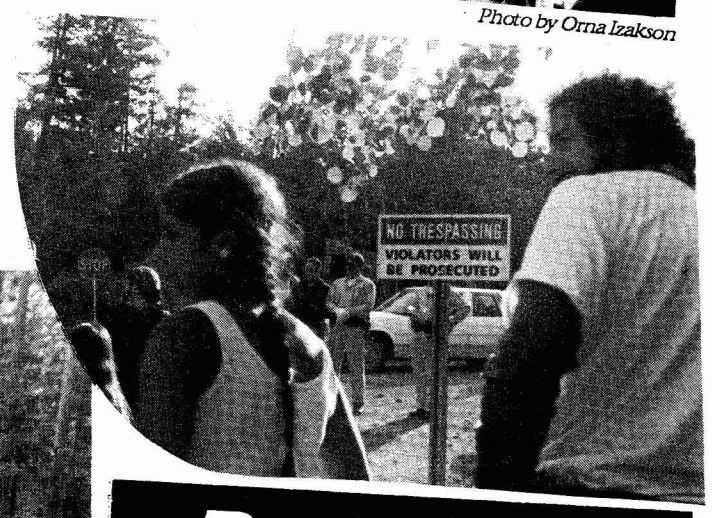

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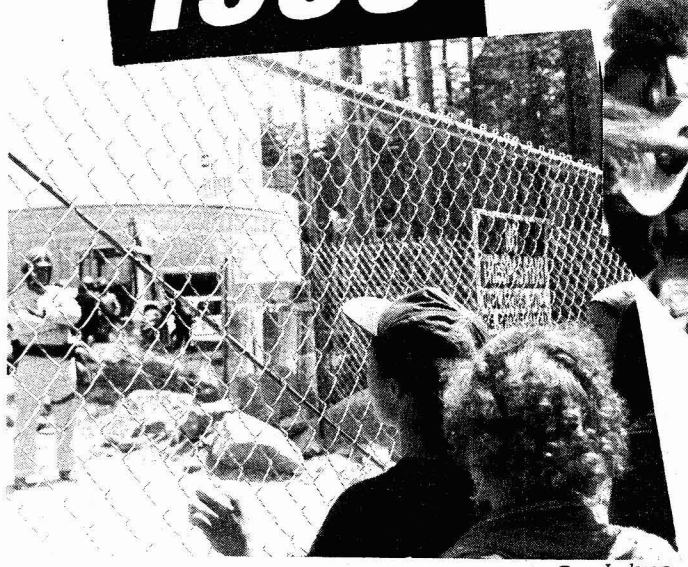

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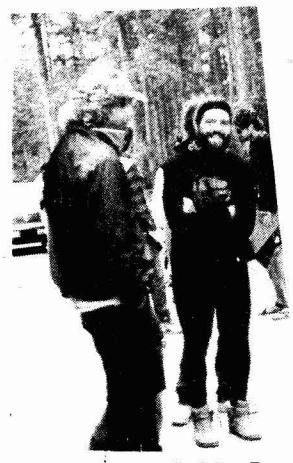

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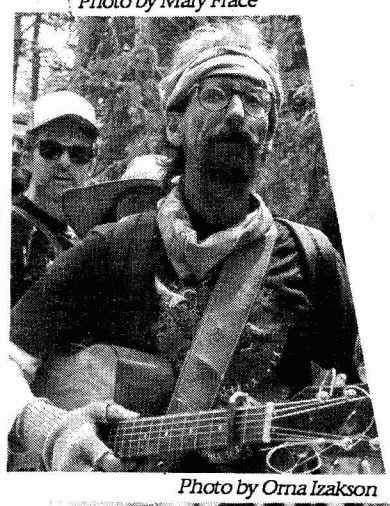

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Announcements

First North American Temperate Forest Conference

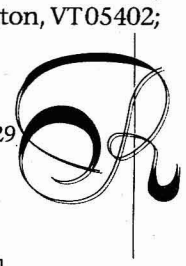
Eminent Canadian environmentalist Dr. David Suzuki and Native American leader Winona La Duke will address participants at the First North American Temperate Forest Conference hosted by the Native Forest Network (NFN) at the University of Vermont in Burlington, November 11-14.

The conference will feature presentations, bioregional reports, and working discussion circles pertaining to the direction of North American temperate forest campaigns. Conference organizers, including Dee Brightstar of the Sovereign Abenaki Nation, intend to bring indigenous people, forest dwellers, forest activists, conservation biologists and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) together for the first time on this continent.

The Native Forest Network hopes that information exchanged at the conference will help to create a unified body capable of protecting and restoring native forests both nationally and internationally, but also allowing groups of forest defenders to remain autonomous.

Prior to the conference there will be an educational roadshow to inform people about current international forest hot spots. The roadshow will feature Australian, British and North American forest activists and several of Earth First!'s fine musicians.

For information about the first North American Temperate Forest Conference, contact the Native Forest Network, Orin Langelle, PO Box 57, Burlington, VT 05402; phone: (802) 658-2403 or fax: (802) 863-2532.

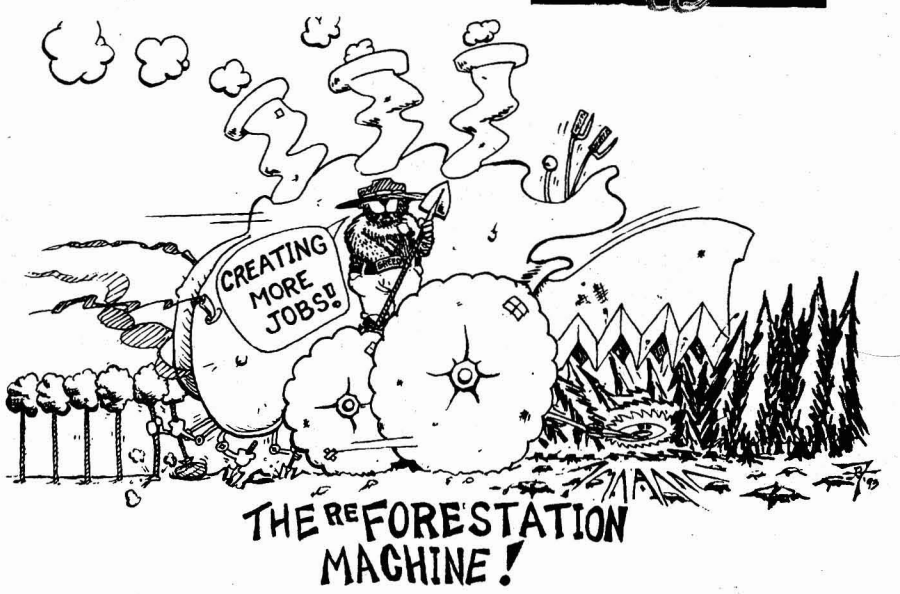


PACIFIC NORTHWEST— featuring musician CASEY NEILL
Berkeley, CA — Sun., September 12 [contact Karen @ (510) 376-7329]
San Francisco, CA — Mon., Sept. 13 [Kristen @ (415) 398-4404]
Davis, CA — Tue., Sept. 14
Chico, CA — Thur. 15 [Dianne @ (916) 893-2461]
Arcata, ECO — Sat., Sept. 16 [Randy @ (707) 839-5847]
Garberville/Redway, ECO — Fri., Sept. 17 [Laurie @ (707) 923-2931]
Albion, ECO — Sat., Sept. 18 [Betty @ (707) 468-1660]
Ashland, OR — Tue., Sept. 21 [(503) 482-4459]
Eugene, OR — Wed., Sept. 22 [Dean @ (503) 343-7305]
Portland, OR — Fri., Sept. 24
Olympia, WA — Sat., Sept. 25 [Harry @ (206) 956-9256]
Port Townsend, WA — Mon., Sept. 27 [Alex @ (206) 385-6271]
Victoria, BC — Tue., Sept. 28 [Myra @ (604) 595-4569]
Vancouver, BC — Wed., Sept. 29
Bellingham, WA — Thur., Sept. 30
Lopez Island, WA — Fri., October 1
Seattle, WA — Sat., Oct. 2 [Suzanne @ (206) 542-1356]

WILD ROCKIES — featuring musician ROBERT HOYT
Republic, WA — Mon., Oct. 4
Spokane, WA — Wed., Oct. 6
Sandpoint, ID — Thur., Oct. 7
Moscow, ID — Fri., Oct. 8
Boise, ID — Sat., Oct. 9
Ketchum, ID — Mon., Oct. 11
Hamilton, MT — Tue., Oct. 12
Missoula, MT — Thur., Oct. 14
Whitefish/Kalispell, MT — Fri., Oct. 15
Bozeman, MT — Sat., Oct. 16
Jackson, WY — Mon., Oct. 18

MIDWEST/EAST — featuring musician TODD SAMUSSON
Omaha, NE — Wed., Oct. 20
Lincoln, NE — Thur., Oct. 21
Kansas City, MO — Fri., Oct. 22
Columbia, MO — Sat., Oct. 23
St. Louis, MO — Mon., Oct. 25
Carbondale, IL — Tue., Oct. 26
Bloomington, IN — Wed., Oct. 27
Nashville, TN — Thur., Oct. 28
Knoxville, TN — Fri., Oct. 29
Asheville, NC — Sat., Oct. 30
Sautee, GA — Wed., November 3
Charlotte, NC — Thur., Nov. 4
Charlottesville, VA — Fri., Nov. 5
Washington, DC — Sat., Nov. 6
New York, NY — Mon., Nov. 8
Petersham, MA — Tue., Nov. 9

For information on the roadshow contact: Jake or Jim @ (406) 728-8114.



Ecodefense Updated and Back in Print

Back in print in an extensively revised, expanded third edition is *Ecodefense: A Field Guide to Monkeywrenching,* edited by Dave Foreman and Bill Haywood with a Forward! by Ed Abbey. This controversial conservation book has detailed, field-tested hints from dozens of experts on Tree-spiking, Stopping ORVs, Destroying Roads, Decommissioning Heavy Equipment, Pulling Survey Stakes, Stopping Trapping, Trashing Billboards, Hassling Overgrazers, Leaving No Evidence, Security ... and much more. The third edition has new and revised material on all subjects, but particularly on undercover agents, plugging road culverts, plugging outflow pipes, soft tree spiking (anti-pulp), and security. Heavily illustrated with photographs, diagrams, and cartoons. Sold for entertainment purposes only!

Published by Abzug Press, 1993 (1985), the paperback book can be ordered for $20 from Ned Ludd Books, PO Box 85190, Tucson, AZ 85754-5190; phone (602) 628-9610.

USFWS Proposes Endangered Listing for Southwestern Bird

In response to a petition filed last year by a coalition of environmental groups, the US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) has proposed adding the Southwestern Willow Flycatcher to the endangered species list. The petition was filed by the Gila Biodiversity Project, the Biodiversity Legal Foundation, Friends of the Owl, and Forest Guardians.

The small bird lives in riparian habitats. It's range includes southern California, Arizona, New Mexico, extreme southern portions of Nevada and Utah, and western Texas. It may also live in southwestern Colorado. The Flycatcher has declined in recent decades to an estimated 500 nesting pairs or less. Agricultural and urban development, water diversions, river channelization and livestock grazing have caused widespread loss and damage to the southwestern riparian habitat the bird requires.

A total of 648 miles along streams and rivers are proposed as critical habitat, including seven areas in southern California, seven in Arizona, and five in New Mexico. Critical habitat, once it is finalized by the USFWS, would require additional review of federal projects in these areas but would not establish sanctuaries or prohibit activities by people. The USFWS is conducting an economic analysis on the effects of the critical habitat designation.

"Our status review indicates that listing the Southwestern Willow Flycatcher is warranted," said Dr. John G. Rogers, Director of the USFWS's Southern Region. "However, I am fully aware of the impact this proposal could make on people. Therefore, I encourage the public to participate in the listing process by giving us their concerns."

Speak up for the wild ones! Written comments must be submitted by October 21, 1993. A series of public hearings will be scheduled in California, Arizona and New Mexico. The USFWS intends to publish its listing decision by January 30, 1994. Address your comments to Field Supervisor, US Fish and Wildlife Service, 3616 W. Thomas Rd., Suite 6, Phoenix, AZ 85019; phone (602) 379-4720, fax (602) 379-6629.

Nevada Test Site Action

Western Shoshone spiritual leader Corbin Harney has issued a "Call to the Desert," a request for activists to come to the Nevada Test Site October 8-10, 1993. This event is part of Countdown '93, a campaign to permanently end nuclear testing, organized by a coalition including the Western Shoshone, the Alliance of Atomic Veterans, American Peace Test and the Nevada Desert Experience.

October 10 is the thirtieth anniversary of the signing of the Partial Test Ban Treaty, which ended atmospheric testing in the US. An Indigenous Peoples' Day event is tentatively planned for October 11, also at the Test Site. Contact: American Peace Test, PO Box 26725, Las Vegas, NV 89126; phone (702) 386-9834.

Yucca Mountain: No Deal—No Dump!

Citizen Alert, an organization opposing federal plans to dump high-level nuclear waste at Yucca Mountain, Nevada, is urgently asking people to call Nevada legislators. The nuclear industry has launched a last-ditch effort to convince the Nevada legislature to accept cash for the dump.

The legislature has previously opposed the facility, but the American Nuclear Energy Council recently purchased substantial media advertising touting the need for Nevadans to cash in on benefits associated with the proposed dump at Yucca Mountain. Nevada legislators have also been heavily lobbied by pro-dump forces who believe that nuclear waste hush money will solve the state's budget problems.

Nevada is not for sale! Call the Legislative Message Center toll-free at 1-800-348-8892. Tell the operator you oppose the Yucca Mountain dump, no matter how much money the nuclear industry offers.

For information, contact Citizen Alert, PO Box 5339, Reno, NV 89513; phone (702) 827-4200, fax (702) 827-4299.

WASTE OF THE WEST:
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and more Announcements

Eastern Old Growth Forest Conference - August 26-28

The Western North Carolina Alliance, the University of North Carolina, the US Forest Service and Western Ancient Forest Campaign are sponsoring a forest conference that will bring together scientists, land management agencies and conservationists *[and some interesting uninvited guests?]* to discuss the remaining old-growth forests in the eastern US and explore the hypothesis that old-growth forest ecosystems cannot be replaced *[ed. note: hey, we didn't write this]*. Scientists estimate that only 1% of the East's original forests remain in a virgin state.

Located at the Owen Conference Center, University of North Carolina at Asheville, this conference provides an excellent opportunity for activists from around the country to learn more about the ecology and management of our eastern forests. Confirmed speakers include Dave Foreman *(Wild Earth Journal)*, Peter Dunwiddie (Massachusetts Audubon), Donald Leopold (State College of NY), Margaret Duvall (USFS), Ed Benedict (Mohawk Tribe, NY), and Kurt Rusterholtz (MN Dept. of Natural Heritage). There will also be guided field trips into local old-growth areas.

For more information, contact Dr. Mary Kelly of the Western North Carolina Alliance at (704) 258-8737 or the Western Ancient Forest Campaign.

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Benefit Features Terry Tempest Williams, Doug Peacock

Musician Beth MacIntosh and renowned nature writers will be featured on August 29 at Grouse Mountain Lodge in Whitefish, Montana. Doug Peacock, Terry Tempest Williams, William Kittredge, Doug Chadwick, Paul Shepard and Annick Smith will read from their books at a fundraiser for Vital Ground. This non-profit foundation was established to preserve natural homelands for wild creatures in North America.

Two tickets are available, one for $10 for the reading at 3 pm, and a second for $25, which includes the reading and a dinner with the authors at 7:30 p.m. For information, contact Patty Smith at (406) 862-2472.

Weaving a Global Green Web

The *Green Web* is a small independent press based in Canada serving the needs of activists and the environmental and green movements. Its information network draws from local, provincial, national and international issues.

During the past five years, the *Green Web* has collected information and published bulletins focusing on pulp and paper mills, forestry, pesticides, biotechnology, toxics, wildlife and wilderness, marine issues (including fisheries and aquaculture), energy, deep ecology and green movement theory. The organization also has access to information globally via electronic mail.

The *Green Web* does not accept corporate or government funding. Donations are needed, particularly since the *Green Web* sends information at no charge to those who cannot afford to pay. For a list of bulletins or any other information, contact the *Green Web*, RR #3, Saltsprings, Pictou County, Nova Scotia, Canada B0K 1P0; telephone/fax: (902) 925-2514; email: WEB:greenweb.

Stumps As Art

We're putting a book together that focuses on stumps. Tree stumps. Prose, poetry, visual art, interviews, anecdotes, quotes. Science, technical, historical articles. We've come up with an interesting collection so far, and invite your contributions. Have you written anything about stumps? Photographed them? Painted, drawn or annointed them? Know anyone who has?

We're serious. For the trees (via the stumps), contact Dennis Morgan and Scott Greacen at Stump Central, 810 SE 30th, Stumptown, OR 97214; phone (503) 232-4205; econet: dmorgan. (Stumptown is a resurrectable nickname for Portland. Mail seems to get here okay.)

Ecoforestry Education

The Ecoforestry Institute, a nonprofit organization incorporated in the US and Canada, is committed to fostering ecologically responsible forestry and forest use. The Institute supports natural selection ecoforestry practices which preserve the complexity and biodiversity of natural forests and which are effective tools for restoration. The Institute provides alternatives to current industrial forestry practices which compromise the ecological integrity of natural forests.

The Ecoforestry Institute focuses on: setting up demonstration forests and research programs; developing certification systems for raw materials and secondary products; providing community outreach through conferences, videos and publications; providing training and certification programs for foresters; offering scholarships and research grants; helping watershed communities and land trusts to establish ecoforestry programs; and assisting groups in different countries to establish Ecoforestry Institute affiliates.

For information, contact the Ecoforestry Institute. *US:* 607 SE 15th, Portland, OR 97214; phone (503) 597-2022, fax (503) 287-5130. *Canada:* PO Box 5783, Station B, Victoria, BC V8R 6S8; phone (604) 598-2363.

Animal Testing and Pollution

Suppress, Inc., a California non-profit group, has published a primer linking animal testing with pollution. *Animal Experimentation: the Hidden Cause of Environmental Pollution?* contends that animal research is routinely used and manipulated to make toxic chemicals appear safe for humans and the environment. The ten-page booklet is available for $3 (bulk discounts available) from Suppress, Inc., PO Box 1062, Pasadena, CA 91102, phone (800) 545-5848.

European Walk for Peace

For Mother Earth, a Belgian group which organized the 1990 walk across the US focusing on ending nuclear testing on Western Shoshone land, is sponsoring a 1995 European walk. The walk, drawing attention to worldwide nuclear proliferation, will start in January, 1995 in Brussels. It will travel through thirteen countries and end in Moscow on October 12, the International Day of Solidarity with indigenous People. For information, contact: For Mother Earth, Attn. Roseanne Mitchell & Pol D'Huyvetter, Zilverhof 19, 9000 Gent, Belgium; phone 00(32)9/233.32.68; fax 00(32)9/233.49.24; email: motherearth@gn.apc.org.

ASEED Europe Takes Root

ASEED Europe is the European branch of a global, decentralized network of committed young people. We work at the local, national and regional levels against domination and exploitation of people and nature. ASEED Europe has several campaigns.

Two action days each year, May 15 and December 10, are designed to promote cooperation between groups all over the world on issues like land rights, deforestation and gas guzzling in "developed" countries.

ASEED Europe also focuses on the European Community's threat to become the United States of Europe, with severe consequences for biological and social diversity. The dangerous rush toward centralization favors big business, big economic powers and capitalist power mongers.

The Imps Are Coming! IMP stands for Inform me about that Multinational Please! ASEED Imps believe that the central problem of today is big global organizations and technologies. The little devils will research European-based multinationals that may be affecting your bioregion.

For information, contact: ASEED Europe Secretariat, PO Box 40066, 1009 BB Amsterdam, The Netherlands; phone: 31-20-6650166;
e-mail: ASEEDEUR@antenna.nl.

Cove/Mallard Solidarity Demo

The Native Forest Network and Earth First! will demonstrate at the Green Mountain National Forest supervisor's office in Rutland, Vermont on August 17, in solidarity with the Cove/Mallard campaign in Idaho. If we get the response we think we will, this should be a kick-ass demonstration. For information, contact the Native Forest Network at (802) 864-0659.

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Friday, September 24, 1993

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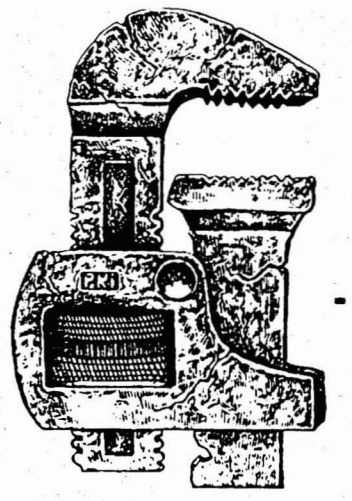
The Fund for Wild Nature, a national foundation that funds grassroots environmental education and activism, is seeking an Executive Director. We are looking for an individual that will work with an active Board of Directors and raise a substantial portion of the budget. This position requires a commitment to the principles of Deep Ecology and experience in grassroots environmental activism. Must have proven fundraising experience with high donors and foundations, strong written and oral communications and organizational skills and an ability to work with various people. Location negotiable, salary negotiable, $20,000-$25,000. Send resume to PO Box 42496, Tucson, AZ 85733; phone (602) 327-9973.



DEAR NED LUDD

DEAR NED LUDD is a regular feature in the *Earth First! Journal* for discussion of creative means of effective defense against the forces of industrial totalitarianism. Neither the Earth First! movement nor the *Earth First! Journal* necessarily encourages anyone to do any of the things discussed in DEAR NED LUDD.

Dear Ned Ludd:

A pain in the pane—in response to Feathered and Itching (Beltane *EF!J*). So you say you have to actually go *through* the pane. Best bet is to try a good quality glass cutter available from your local hardware store. But depending on the glass thickness it may be too much work. Second best, try some porcelain, the round piece off of a spark plug or an older style electrical insulator (check your electrical and surplus stores). Tie one end of a three-inch piece of string around your piece of the porcelain. Now all you have to do is swing your piece of porcelain at the pane (pain) not too hard at all, and your window will break. You will have some noise from glass falling.

If you actually have to go through a pane and there are no alarms on the window, then it is probably much easier to get in some other way. To go through a door or wall is often easier. A little elbow grease and an old-fashioned brace and bit drill with a one- to two-inch diameter bit works great. Drill holes side by side in the shape of a square, approximately three inches on each side. Finish off the square with a keyhole saw and presto—a door to go through your door. This method can be adapted to wood and even brick walls with a masonry bit.

Have fun and don't forget security.

Signed,—No More Pain

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Dear First Earth Earth Firsters!!!

This is a scream for help from your friends in the Rocky Mountains who are fighting that abortion called Animal Damage Control (ADC). ADC is a perpetual pain in our collective ass and the least we can do is return the favor.

For some time now I have been trying to figure out a way to throw sticks in the spokes of ADC's meat wagon. A while back my search came to an end in the beautiful Rocky Mountains. I was vegan around in Mother Earth's beauty with my stack of sticks when I happened upon a pretty white sign.

Well, when I saw that sign I grinned, did a little jig (Monkey Wrench War Dance), and went to work. After following a few footprints I located several traps and quickly dispatched them. In those few short moments I caught the fever and have not been short of work since. I figure that one less trap in the ground means one less suffering brother or sister coyote.

Now, I realize that this is my pet project and that there are as many battles for Mother Earth as there are warriors to fight them. But my request is this: If any other wrenchers are out in the woods (I know you are) and you see those white signs then take a minute for the wild ones and destroy the weapons of death. You will not only save some friends but the combined effort may just tear the axles off that meat wagon.

—Coyote Lover

REVIEWS

Talking Leaves: the Journal of Deep Ecology and Spiritual Activism, 1430 Willamette #367, Eugene, OR 97401, $18 per year for six issues.

Reviewed by Lone Wolf Circles

"Her hands, like serpents, encouraged primal sounds as she arched forward and back with the grasses. She was the wind that inspired change.... The audience rose, refreshed. Each picked up one of the plants that held the circle and took a handful of wood dust to scatter, leaving no clues in the clearing of ever having been there. They disappeared as mysteriously as they had arrived."—Terry Tempest Williams

Launched some five years ago by editor Carolyn Moran, *Talking Leaves* has become *the* journal of deep ecology in this country. Its potent blend of activism, Earth-based spirituality and primal/indigenous worldview has won acclaim from the likes of David Suzuki, Winona LaDuke and Terry Tempest Williams.

The evolution away from the New Age and to more Earthen and action orientation is evidenced in the early interviews with myself and Bill Devall, who continues to act as an advisor to the periodical. *Talking Leaves* has come to serve the concepts and passions of deep ecology, featuring John Seed, Jim Swann, Barbara Mor, Starhawk, Barry Lopez, Arne Naess, Terrence McKenna, Chris Roth, Karen Wood and Lou Gold, among others. *Talking Leaves* and its editor have provoked my finest writing. Each issue has a theme, such as music, women's empowerment, environmental campaigns, art, civil disobedience, eco-education, vision quests, and Native American struggles—all from a Gaian perspective. The art is consistently some of the finest, making up a large part of the alchemical whole.

Talking Leaves is incite-ful, challenging, spiritually reaffirming and socially disruptive. I highly recommend it.

Lone Wolf Circles is a deep ecologist from New Mexico and wherever else his travels take him.

Pawprints, by Casey Neill. Available for $10 from the artist, PO Box 10003, Olympia, WA 98502, or from the Journal.

Reviewed by Lone Wolf Circles

It is rare that I am as enthused about any recording, let alone someone's first, as I am about my friend Casey's. Not since Joanne Rand's maiden album have I been as anxious to introduce a performer to a nationwide environmental audience. He combines the lyrics of deep ecological consciousness with emotive vocals, and truly amazing acoustic guitar work reminiscent of Leo Kottke.

The album begins with an opening chant set to a simple and primal beat, calling us into the circle, calling us to council:

"Open your arms, open your eyes, open your heart to Earth and sky. Raise your voice, raise your hand, speak out for justice for every man. For every woman, for every child. For everything living, for everything wild..."

That is the introduction for the first and one of the strongest cuts on the tape, "Always Coming Home":

"Why has the spirit been so far from our sight? Why has the coyote been so silent, and why have the signs been so carefully hid, and the sea so gentle yet defiant? Walk mindfully well-loved one. Walk carefully my darling one. Walk fiercely into the sun."

Casey's style is Celtic-flavored folk-rock. The Celt musicians of today fuse the druidic feel of their ancient ancestors with contemporary inflections. Artists like Dougie Maclean address the environmental realities of modern Scotland as well as the quest for a spiritual connection to the land. If there is any tradition to which Casey Neill belongs, it is this one, coupled with the most specifically deep ecological lyrics of any artist yet. Every line is a celebration of unhobbled wilderness, and wildest human nature. "The Courage You've Shown" is a tribute to the warriors among us, beginning with Anna Mae and Leonard Peltier, and then Peg Millet and Mark Davis, feeling the green fire:

"Activists are dangerous to the workings of the big machine. How great is the strength to stand for the wonders that you've seen. You may not see the tree rise from the seed that you have sown, but in time down the line she'll be fully grown. And the great song of freedom around the world will be blown. Oh, the courage you have shown."

The piece has excellent keyboard lines, while many of the songs benefit from the harmonies of Katya Chorover. "Shiny Things" tells the story of window shoppers, and lampoons Earth Day as the Christmas of the environmental movement. In another cut, the only simple love song, he tells her *"I don't really want you, and if I did you probably wouldn't come, but I just can't shake you."* A penny whistle struggles to be heard over a churning ocean storm in the exemplary cut, "The Power is Turning," but:

"...this is not the end of the world. It's only the beginning, an awakening, a reckoning. The nameless is returning, rising from the western ocean, shining off to sea, carried by a magic wind, alive again. Alive again. The power is turning, the wild sea is burning. Watch as it comes alive. A world is emerging. See it in the gleam of the serpent's eye."

One epic is for "All Our Relations," another on the life and attitude of John Muir. In "Heights of Kildonan" we have a spirited lament to the disappearing pine forests, told by a man given to take long walks at night near the unprotected machinery at the edge of the destruction. "Naked Underneath Your Clothes" is written by Jim Page, the only cut not written by young Casey. It rides on a funk groove, with a bridge built on a mean bass and traps jam.

We need to book this guy as many places as we can. In the meantime, check out the cassette *Pawprints*. Opening the insert, you'll find the poem "Benedicto" by hero Ed Abbey. The music of Casey Neill carries us, like that river, toward the adventure of our own potential. Toward a place, Ed tells us:

"...where something strange and more beautiful and more full of wonder than your deepest dreams waits for you—beyond that next turning of the canyon walls."

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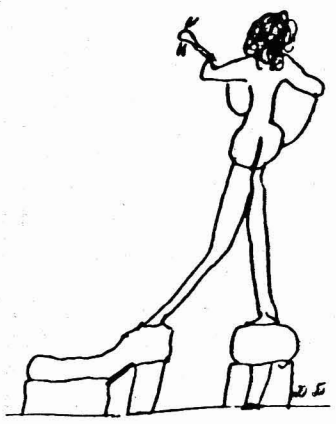

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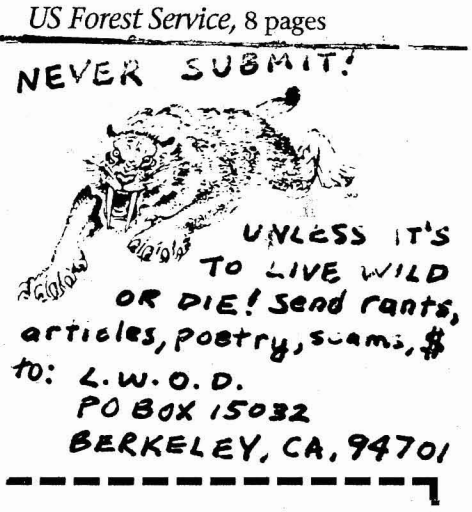

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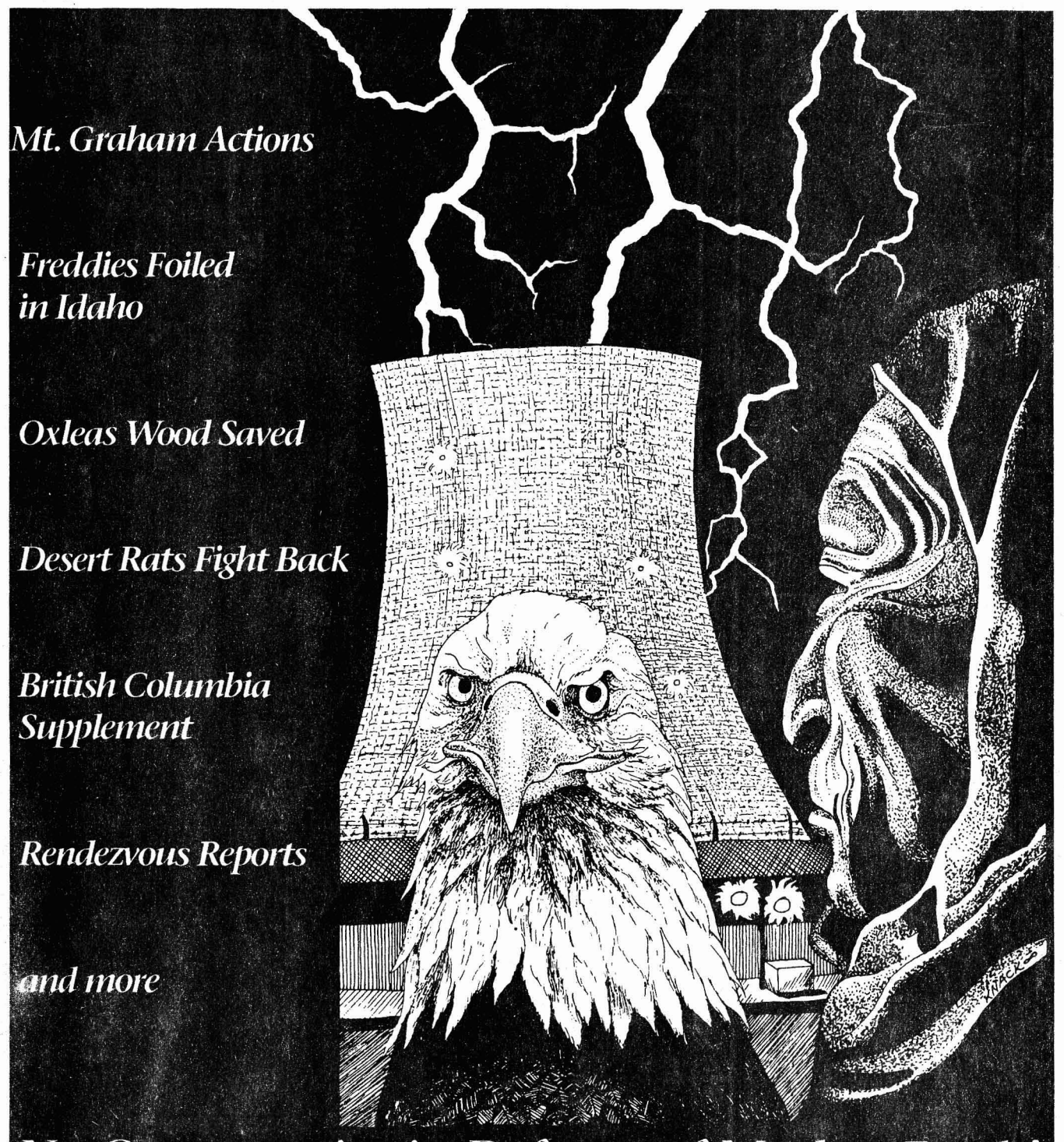

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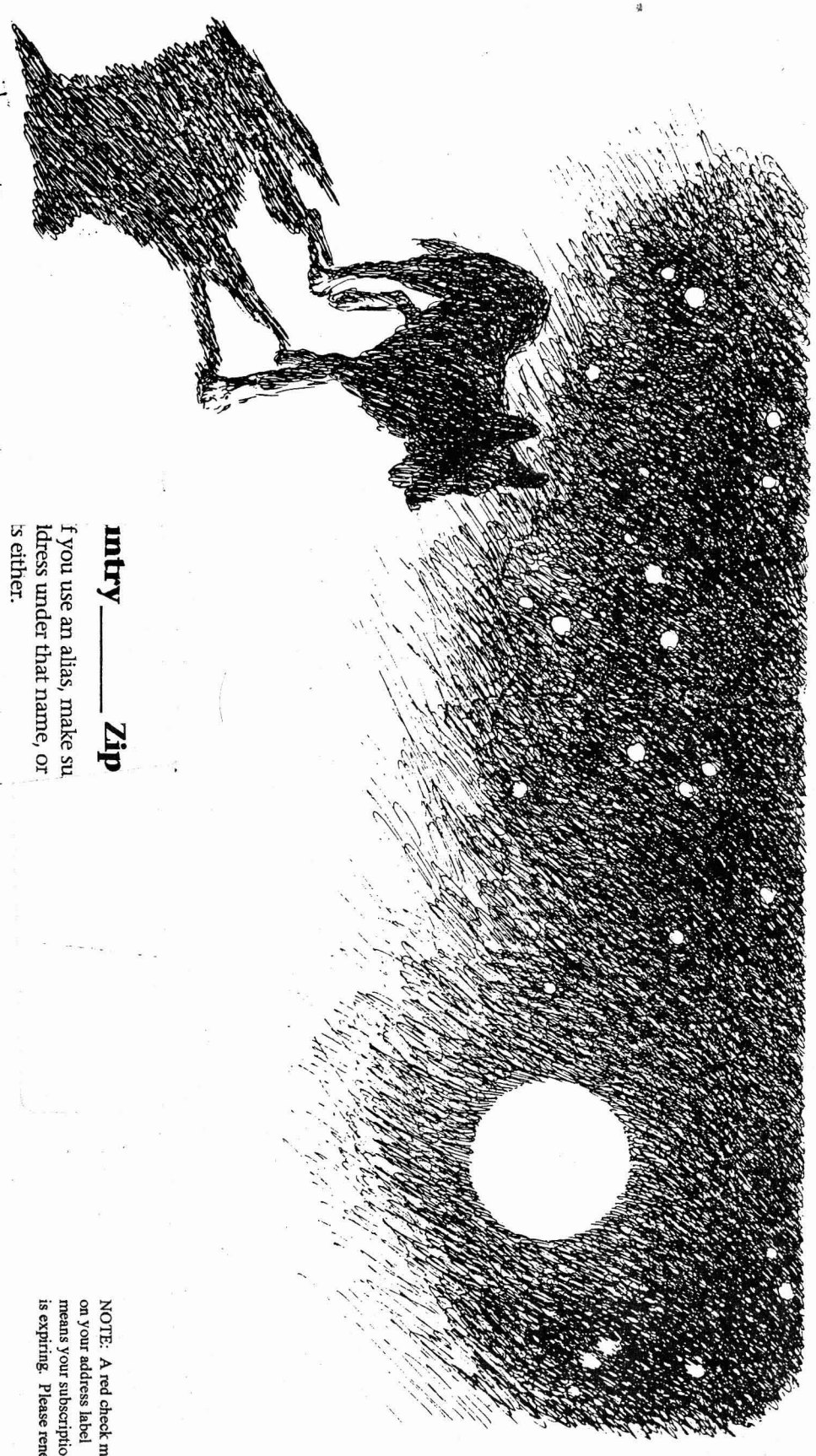

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